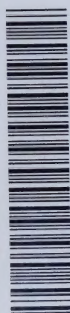


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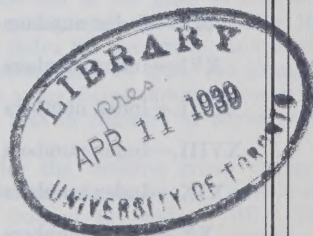
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PRICES IN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES DURING 1938*

Wholesale prices in many of the principal countries declined during 1938, continuing the downward movement which commenced about the middle of 1937, following the irregular recovery in prices from the low levels of the depression. The decline during the last eighteen months was due mainly to lower prices for certain farm products, notably grains and raw textiles, and for certain other raw materials. A significant factor in the movement was the increase in world stocks of primary commodities in this period. Important exceptions to the downward movement were recorded in France and Japan, where prices have continued to rise for a number of years, and in Germany and Italy, where changes were slight in 1938. The recovery in prices from the low levels commenced in 1933, except in those countries whose currencies remained on a gold basis, some until 1935 or 1936. Retail prices and the cost of living remained relatively stable in most countries during the year, except in France and Japan where there was considerable advance.

The Movement of Retail Prices and Cost of Living in Canada during 1938

The index number of changes in the cost of living on the basis of prices in 1913 as 100, was 131 in December as compared with 132 in January, this latter figure continuing throughout the year until November except for an increase to 134 in August due chiefly to a seasonal advance in the price of potatoes. In 1937 the index number had risen from 129 in January to 133 in December in continuation of the recovery which began in June, 1933, when the index number was 120. The changes during the year were chiefly in the food and rent groups, the former falling from 118 in January to 113 in December while rent rose from 142 in January to 148. Clothing fell slightly in December and fuel showed a small increase in November.

At the end of the year, therefore, the index for all items was about nine per cent higher than in the summer of 1933 when the low point during the depression was recorded. The recovery since 1933 was most pronounced in the food group though rent and clothing also advanced substantially while fuel and sundries were little changed. In spite of the advance in the cost of living since 1933 the index number in December, 1938, was still

18 per cent lower than in December, 1929, the figures being 131 and 160 respectively.

The food group has recorded considerably greater changes than the other groups in recent years and having the greatest weight in the construction of the index number has therefore been the most important factor in its movement since 1929. The index number for the group declined from 120 in December, 1937, to 116 in May, 1938, and then advanced to 120 in August. Since August the movement was downward to the end of the year, the figure 113 in December being about six per cent lower than in December, 1937, and 30 per cent lower than in December, 1929, but 24 per cent higher than the lowest level recorded in the depression in 1933. Of the twenty-nine items included in the list of foods 17 were lower in cost at the end of 1938 than at the end of 1937, seven were higher and five were unchanged. In this comparison the largest declines were recorded in lard, butter, bread and flour and the only advance of importance was in potatoes.

Rent for workingmen's houses advanced about four per cent during the spring of 1938, continuing the movement in progress since the autumn of 1934. The advance from the low point in 1934 down to the end of 1938 was nearly 16 per cent. The index is now about 6.5 per cent lower than in 1929.

In the fuel and light group the movement in 1938 was slight, as in recent years, there being a seasonal fall in the price of coal and wood in the spring and an advance in the autumn. The index for the group, now about 10 per cent lower than in 1929, has changed little in recent years, being however somewhat lower than in 1933 in contrast to advances in other groups.

The index for the clothing group changed little during the year, being one per cent lower in December than at the end of 1937. The advance in this group since 1933 was about 10 per cent. It is still 25 per cent lower than in 1929.

Table I brings down to the end of 1938 the index number of the cost of living in Canada, based on prices in 1913 as 100, and shows the percentage changes in the principal groups of expenditure for workingmen's families in cities since 1913. The figures for food are calculated from the cost of the food group in the list of staple foods, fuel and lighting,

*The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues reports on prices with comprehensive figures, as follows: weekly, Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices (Canada); monthly, Prices and Price Indexes (Canada); quarterly, Price Movements in other Countries; annually, Prices and Price Indexes (Canada and other countries).

CHANGES IN THE COST OF LIVING IN CANADA SINCE 1914

All items—Food, Fuel, Rent, Clothing and Sundries, Average Prices in 1913 = 100

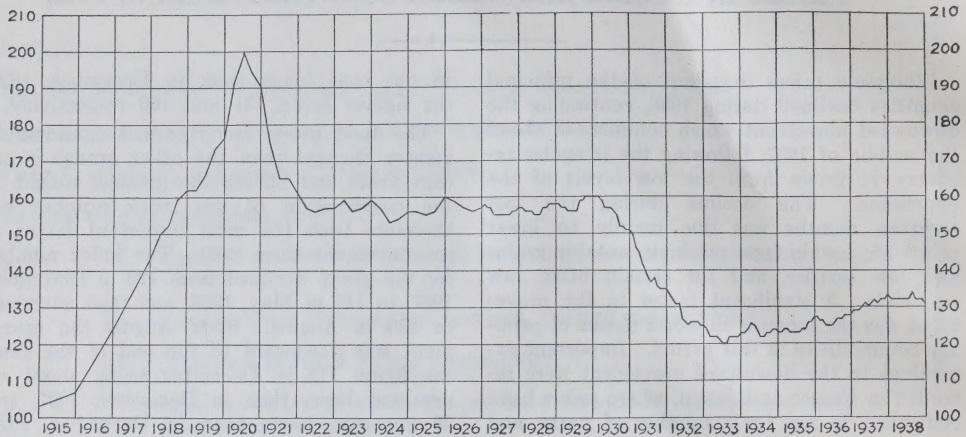


TABLE 1.—CHANGES IN THE COST OF LIVING IN CANADA FROM 1913 TO 1938

(Average prices in 1913 = 100)

—	Food	Fuel and Light	Rent	Clothing	Sundries	All items*	—	Food	Fuel and Light	Rent	Clothing	Sundries	All items*
Dec. 1914.....	108	98	97	103	100	103	Mar. 1932.....	99	151	158	123	162	131
Dec. 1915.....	111	96	94	115	110	107	June 1932.....	93	148	147	120	162	126
Dec. 1916.....	138	109	95	136	122	124	Sept. 1932.....	95	147	147	116	161	126
Dec. 1917.....	167	125	102	158	134	143	Dec. 1932.....	96	145	141	114	161	125
Dec. 1918.....	186	146	111	185	151	162	Mar. 1933.....	91	145	141	112	160	122
Dec. 1919.....	201	148	122	210	164	176	June 1933.....	93	142	131	107	160	120
Dec. 1920.....	202	200	142	232	173	190	Sept. 1933.....	99	141	131	113	156	122
Dec. 1921.....	150	172	150	177	173	161	Dec. 1933.....	100	142	129	113	157	123
Dec. 1922.....	142	177	155	162	174	157	Mar. 1934.....	109	143	129	113	156	126
Dec. 1923.....	146	172	158	164	171	159	June 1934.....	101	141	128	113	156	122
Dec. 1924.....	144	162	158	159	169	156	Sept. 1934.....	102	142	128	117	155	123
Dec. 1925.....	157	166	158	159	166	160	Dec. 1934.....	103	144	129	115	154	123
Mar. 1926.....	156	166	158	157	166	159	Mar. 1935.....	104	143	129	113	155	124
June 1926.....	151	162	156	157	166	157	June 1935.....	103	139	131	113	154	123
Sept. 1926.....	149	160	156	157	166	156	Sept. 1935.....	105	140	131	113	154	124
Dec. 1926.....	152	162	156	157	166	157	Dec. 1935.....	111	141	132	115	154	127
Mar. 1927.....	151	161	156	157	166	157	Mar. 1936.....	111	142	132	114	154	126
June 1927.....	148	158	156	154	166	155	June 1936.....	106	140	133	114	154	125
Sept. 1927.....	148	158	156	155	166	155	Sept. 1936.....	113	140	133	114	153	127
Dec. 1927.....	152	158	156	155	166	157	Dec. 1936.....	114	142	135	115	154	128
Mar. 1928.....	149	159	156	155	166	156	Mar. 1937.....	116	141	135	117	154	129
June 1928.....	146	158	157	157	166	155	June 1937.....	116	138	140	117	154	130
Sept. 1928.....	152	157	157	157	166	157	Sept. 1937.....	119	138	140	118	155	131
Dec. 1928.....	154	157	157	157	166	158	Dec. 1937.....	120	140	142	118	157	133
Mar. 1929.....	153	158	157	157	166	157	Jan. 1938.....	118	140	142	118	156	132
June 1929.....	149	157	158	157	166	156	Feb. 1938.....	117	140	142	118	156	132
Sept. 1929.....	159	156	158	156	166	159	Mar. 1938.....	118	140	142	119	156	132
Dec. 1929.....	161	157	158	156	166	160	April 1938.....	118	140	142	119	156	132
Mar. 1930.....	159	157	158	155	166	159	May 1938.....	116	140	144	119	156	132
June 1930.....	151	156	160	155	166	157	June 1938.....	117	139	148	118	156	132
Sept. 1930.....	141	156	160	148	165	152	July 1938.....	117	139	148	118	156	132
Dec. 1930.....	138	156	160	148	165	151	Aug. 1938.....	120	139	148	118	156	132
Mar. 1931.....	124	156	160	141	164	145	Sept. 1938.....	116	139	148	118	156	132
June 1931.....	111	153	158	137	164	138	Oct. 1938.....	115	140	148	118	156	132
Sept. 1931.....	109	151	158	127	163	136	Nov. 1938.....	114	141	148	118	156	132
Dec. 1931.....	107	152	158	127	163	135	Dec. 1938.....	113	141	148	117	156	131

* The figures for "all items" were calculated by giving the following weights to each group: Food, 35%; Fuel, 8%; Rent, 18½%; Clothing, 18½%; Sundries, 20%.

and rent entering into a weekly family budget published each month in the *LABOUR GAZETTE*. For the fuel and light group each month the index number is calculated from the cost of coal, wood, coal oil, gas and electricity, the figures for the last two being weighted according to population, as differences in rates in the various cities are greater in these items than in the others. An index number for rent is calculated for each city from the rates for six-roomed houses with modern conveniences, the Dominion average being weighted according to population in each city. The index numbers for clothing and sundries were calculated from the prices and cost of the various items from 1913 to 1926, weighted according to the importance of each item in workingmen's family expenditure, and have been brought down to date each month from data compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Tables II and III show the cost per week of a list of staple foods, fuel and lighting, and rent entering into a family budget in terms of average retail prices for the Dominion by groups for each province.

Retail prices of meats were higher during the first half of the year than in the corresponding months of 1937 but for the closing months of 1938 were about the same as in 1937. The price of sirloin steak averaged 26.6 cents per pound in 1938 as compared with 26.2 cents in 1937, 23.1 cents in 1936, 21 cents in 1933 and the pre-depression level of 36.3 cents in 1929. The average price in December, 1938, was 24.9 cents per pound as compared with 25 cents in December, 1937. Fresh pork roast averaged 24.1 cents per pound in 1938 as compared with 22.2 cents in 1937, 15.1 cents in 1933, and 30 cents in 1929. The price in December, 1938, was 22.7 cents per pound and in December, 1937, was 21.9 cents per pound. Beef cattle prices were considerably lower in 1938 than in the previous year following an advance from the levels in 1936 while the prices of bacon hogs toward the end of 1938 were about the same as in 1937 but during the first half of 1938 were higher than in 1937. Exports of cattle and meats were substantially lower in 1938 than in 1937. The numbers of beef cattle on the farms have been declining since 1936 and the numbers of hogs at June 1, 1938, were materially lower than at the same date in 1937. Sales of live stock at the stock yards were much lower during 1938 than in the previous year and inspected slaughterings were also less. The price of lard in December at an average of 14.4 cents per pound was about 2.5 cents per pound lower than in December, 1937.

The price of fresh eggs averaged slightly lower in 1938 than in 1937 and showed the

usual seasonal movement, declining from 45 cents per dozen in December, 1937, to 25.9 cents in May, 1938, and advancing to 44 cents in December. The production of creamery butter during the first eleven months of 1938 was the highest on record and about 10 per cent greater than in the same period of 1937. Stocks in cold storage at the end of the year were about 40 per cent greater than at the end of 1937. The usual seasonal advance in prices during the autumn did not materialize in 1938 and in December the price 26.7 cents per pound was at the lowest level recorded in more than two years as compared with 39.7 cents per pound in April, 1938, which was the highest level recorded since 1930. The average price for the year 1938 at 32 cents per pound was slightly higher than in 1937 as compared with 25.3 cents in 1932, the lowest yearly average in recent years, and 47 cents in 1929. The price of milk averaged 10.9 cents per quart in 1938, 10.8 cents in 1937, 9.3 cents in 1933 and 12.3 cents in 1929.

The price of flour reflecting to some extent the much lower prices for wheat declined from an average of 4.5 cents per pound in December, 1937, to 3.2 cents in December, 1938. The yearly average price was 4 cents per pound in 1938, 4.5 cents in 1937, 3.6 cents in 1936, 2.9 cents in 1933 and 5.1 cents in 1929. The price of bread declined gradually since August averaging 6.7 cents per pound at the end of the year as compared with 7.3 cents at the end of 1937. The price of potatoes, \$1.18 per 90 pounds, in December, 1938, was the highest recorded during the year with the exception of August when the price was \$1.41 for 90 pounds with the marketing of the new crop. From January to July the price ranged between 90 cents and \$1. Comparative prices in 1937 were 95 cents for 90 pounds in December and a range between \$1.45 and \$1.95 from January to August. The crop in 1938 was estimated to be about 15 per cent smaller than in 1937. Onions were 5.2 cents per pound in January, 1938, and 3.9 cents in December. Canned vegetables averaged gradually lower during the year, tomatoes, peas and corn each declining about 10 per cent. The price of United States anthracite coal averaged \$14.62 per ton in December, 1938, as compared with \$14.18 in July, \$14.42 in December, 1937, \$14.03 in July and \$14.77 in January.

Wholesale Prices in Canada, 1938

The accompanying tables V, VI and VII show the index number of wholesale prices in Canada calculated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the commodities being arranged

TABLE II.—COST PER WEEK (IN TERMS OF THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES IN SIXTY-NINE CITIES IN
RENT ENTERING INTO

The budget is intended to show the changes in the cost of the items included, not to

	Commodity	Quantity	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
			Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
			c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.
1	Beef, sirloin.....	2 lbs.	71.4	71.0	54.6	53.4	54.0	54.2	56.4	57.4	62.8	69.4	71.8	63.0	50.2	41.2	40.0
2	Beef, shoulder.....	2 "	46.4	44.6	30.4	29.0	29.4	28.4	30.6	31.8	36.4	43.2	45.4	37.2	26.8	22.2	21.8
3	Veal, shoulder.....	1 "	25.7	26.9	18.9	18.3	18.6	17.8	18.5	19.9	21.7	23.9	25.1	22.0	15.4	12.2	12.0
4	Mutton, roast.....	1 "	32.3	30.8	25.6	27.2	26.9	27.6	28.9	28.5	29.0	30.1	31.0	26.9	22.1	16.6	19.0
5	Pork, leg.....	1 "	36.5	36.0	26.7	26.7	24.1	24.1	28.5	28.8	25.9	27.2	29.8	25.9	15.9	12.7	16.6
6	Pork, salt.....	2 "	69.6	71.4	52.0	51.6	47.6	46.8	53.8	54.8	51.2	53.2	54.4	52.6	34.4	28.0	31.4
7	Bacon, breakfast.....	1 "	52.4	58.4	39.8	40.8	37.0	33.7	41.4	41.8	37.2	38.4	39.4	38.3	20.9	18.1	21.6
8	Lard, pure.....	2 "	77.6	67.8	43.4	45.6	46.0	46.6	49.8	46.4	44.2	44.8	42.6	41.6	25.6	24.6	27.0
9	Eggs, fresh.....	1 doz.	36.6	35.2	71.2	63.3	61.3	66.9	62.8	66.5	64.3	60.2	64.4	50.5	41.8	39.1	40.7
10	Eggs, storage.....	1 "	69.5	75.7	58.7	46.6	46.9	51.9	50.1	52.7	52.0	48.4	52.1	40.1	32.6	29.5	30.2
11	Milk.....	6 qts.	90.6	93.0	79.8	71.4	74.4	73.2	73.8	73.2	73.8	75.0	77.4	72.6	63.0	57.0	58.2
12	Butter, dairy.....	2 lbs.	135.2	113.4	83.4	81.0	85.4	79.4	92.0	86.0	85.8	88.2	88.0	67.6	48.8	45.6	48.8
13	Butter, creamery.....	1 "	74.8	63.6	48.6	45.5	48.2	43.9	50.7	47.9	47.0	48.3	47.5	37.3	27.5	26.1	28.4
14	†Cheese, old.....	1 "	40.9	39.2	32.6	30.7	33.2	29.0	33.4	30.5	32.1	33.8	33.0	29.2	22.2	19.6	19.7
15	†Cheese, new.....	1 "	38.1	37.5	29.3	30.7	33.2	29.0	33.4	30.5	32.1	33.8	33.0	29.2	22.2	19.6	19.7
16	Bread.....	15 "	120.5	132.0	105.0	100.5	100.5	112.5	115.5	114.0	115.5	115.5	117.0	99.0	90.0	84.0	88.5
17	†Flour, family.....	10 "	74.0	68.0	48.0	44.0	42.0	55.0	54.0	52.0	52.0	50.0	53.0	37.0	31.0	26.0	31.0
18	†Rolled oats.....	5 "	40.0	36.0	28.0	27.5	27.5	31.0	29.0	30.5	31.5	31.5	32.0	26.5	23.5	23.0	25.0
19	†Rice.....	2 "	30.4	28.2	19.6	21.0	20.8	21.6	22.0	21.8	21.2	21.0	20.6	19.6	17.4	16.4	16.2
20	Beans, handpicked.....	2 "	23.2	21.6	17.4	17.0	17.4	16.4	16.0	16.2	16.0	21.2	20.8	15.4	9.6	7.8	8.8
21	Apples, evaporated.....	1 "	26.2	24.9	22.0	21.6	18.6	20.0	20.3	20.2	19.4	20.6	21.3	19.6	16.5	15.5	15.5
22	Prunes, medium.....	1 "	25.7	25.3	18.4	19.0	17.0	15.3	15.7	15.4	13.9	13.6	16.0	12.6	11.7	10.8	12.3
23	Sugar, granulated.....	4 "	62.0	51.2	36.8	38.4	48.4	38.0	31.6	33.6	32.4	30.0	29.2	25.6	24.4	23.2	32.0
24	Sugar, yellow.....	2 "	28.6	24.6	17.4	18.2	23.2	18.0	15.0	15.8	15.4	14.4	13.8	12.2	11.8	11.2	12.6
25	†Tea, black.....	1 1/2 "	16.0	14.5	13.5	14.9	17.2	17.6	17.9	18.0	17.8	17.7	17.6	14.3	12.9	10.8	11.4
26	†Tea, green.....	1 1/2 "	16.7	15.7	15.1	14.9	17.2	17.6	17.9	18.0	17.8	17.7	17.6	14.3	12.9	10.8	11.4
27	†Coffee.....	1 1/2 "	14.7	14.8	13.6	13.4	13.4	14.5	15.1	15.4	15.2	15.2	15.1	13.3	11.2	10.2	9.9
28	Potatoes.....	1/2 bag	103.0	75.5	52.6	39.0	47.8	46.4	88.0	68.0	54.8	42.6	77.9	41.7	24.2	31.0	36.5
29	Vinegar.....	1/2 qt.	.9	.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9	.9
30	All Foods.....		\$ 15.30	\$ 14.48	\$ 11.03	\$ 10.52	\$ 10.78	\$ 10.77	\$ 11.63	\$ 11.37	\$ 11.19	\$ 11.30	\$ 11.88	\$ 9.86	\$ 7.68	\$ 6.94	\$ 7.50
31	Starch, laundry.....	1/2 lb.	c. 4.7	c. 4.9	c. 4.2	c. 4.0	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.1	c. 4.0	c. 3.9	c. 3.8	c. 3.8
32	Coal, anthracite.....	1/2 ton	87.8	125.0	109.6	115.1	111.5	105.1	114.7	105.3	102.7	102.1	101.4	101.4	101.2	96.0	94.9
33	Coal, bituminous.....	1/2 "	65.2	92.1	71.7	74.0	70.6	65.0	65.8	64.6	63.7	63.0	63.1	62.5	61.0	58.4	57.9
34	Wood, hard.....	1/2 cord	80.6	90.5	80.2	80.6	79.0	78.4	76.9	75.9	75.0	75.5	76.0	75.6	69.8	63.6	58.9
35	Wood, soft.....	1/2 "	62.5	69.0	59.8	59.4	57.8	57.5	56.2	55.9	55.8	55.4	54.3	54.4	50.9	47.8	45.2
36	Coal oil.....	1 gal.	31.0	40.3	31.7	31.6	30.1	30.5	30.1	31.7	31.2	31.0	31.1	30.7	27.7	27.0	27.5
37	Fuel and lighting.....		\$ 3.2	\$ 74.17	\$ 3.53	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.49	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.44	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.28	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.26	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.11	\$ 2.93	\$ 2.84
38	Rent.....	1 mo.	\$ 5.54	\$ 6.60	\$ 6.92	\$ 6.96	\$ 6.92	\$ 6.91	\$ 6.86	\$ 6.85	\$ 6.89	\$ 6.94	\$ 6.99	\$ 7.06	\$ 6.77	\$ 5.98	\$ 5.57
39	††Totals.....		\$ 24.15	\$ 25.30	\$ 21.52	\$ 21.13	\$ 21.23	\$ 21.09	\$ 21.96	\$ 21.59	\$ 21.41	\$ 21.55	\$ 22.17	\$ 20.21	\$ 17.59	\$ 15.89	\$ 15.95

†† An allowance for the cost of clothing and sundries would increase the figures by about 50 per cent.

† Kind most sold since October, 1922.

according to "chief component materials" in table V, "purpose" in table VI and "origin" in table VII.

This index number moved gradually downward month by month throughout 1933 continuing the movement which commenced in July, 1937. In this period of about a year and one-half nearly all of the advance of the preceding fourteen months was lost. Certain comparative figures are 73.3 for December, 1938; 82.7 for December, 1937; 87.5 for July, 1937, the peak during recent years; and 71.8 for May, 1936. At the end of 1938 the index number was about 15.5 per cent higher than

in February, 1933, the low point during the depression. It was, however, 24 per cent lower than in December, 1929. The decline during the last eighteen months was due in large part to lower prices of fruits, grains, live stock, hides, raw textiles and certain other farm products as well as in non-ferrous metals, flour and other milled products, leather, pulp, pig iron and steel billets. The decline in certain of the non-ferrous metals and raw textiles occurred to a large extent toward the end of 1937.

The prices of many primary products declined more than the prices of finished

CANADA) OF CERTAIN STAPLE FOODS, FUEL AND LIGHTING, IN THE QUANTITIES STATED, AND A FAMILY BUDGET

show the minimum cost or the quantities of different foods required for an average family.

1935		1936		1937		1938													
Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year	
c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	c.	
40.0	50.6	45.8	46.8	45.8	58.6	50.4	51.2	50.4	51.8	53.8	57.0	56.8	57.2	55.4	53.6	51.4	49.8	53.2	1
21.6	28.0	25.0	25.4	24.4	32.4	27.6	28.0	28.0	28.8	30.2	32.2	32.2	31.6	30.4	29.4	28.4	28.2	29.6	2
12.1	12.9	14.1	13.8	14.0	14.4	15.2	16.1	15.9	15.6	15.6	16.0	15.7	15.6	15.6	16.1	15.7	15.5	15.7	3
19.7	21.4	21.3	22.5	21.0	24.7	22.0	22.4	23.4	24.3	24.9	25.8	24.7	24.5	23.4	23.0	21.7	22.2	23.5	4
19.4	22.5	21.1	21.9	20.6	22.6	22.1	22.1	22.6	23.6	24.3	24.8	26.2	27.4	25.8	24.8	23.1	22.7	24.1	5
37.8	40.2	40.4	40.2	39.4	40.2	41.8	41.4	41.6	42.0	42.8	43.2	43.8	45.6	44.4	43.6	42.2	41.6	42.8	6
32.3	30.2	29.3	29.5	29.2	29.1	30.7	30.3	30.4	31.9	32.5	33.1	34.2	36.3	35.1	34.0	32.5	30.9	32.7	7
29.2	31.0	35.8	30.6	31.8	33.8	32.8	31.2	30.6	30.8	30.8	30.6	30.6	30.6	30.6	29.8	29.6	28.8	30.5	8
37.0	24.7	41.5	27.2	39.4	27.0	38.3	32.0	32.0	29.0	25.9	27.9	31.0	34.1	36.0	39.7	43.9	44.0	34.5	9
29.5	21.2	33.9	23.4	32.6	22.8	31.3	26.9	27.0	24.4	22.2	23.7	26.7	29.2	30.2	32.9	34.9	34.7	28.7	10
61.8	60.6	61.8	61.2	64.6	64.2	66.0	66.0	66.0	66.0	66.0	65.4	64.8	64.8	65.4	65.4	65.4	65.4	65.6	11
44.4	42.8	54.0	44.6	53.8	50.0	62.2	64.6	70.2	71.4	60.2	56.0	52.6	52.4	51.0	49.6	49.2	48.2	57.2	12
25.5	24.8	30.6	26.2	30.3	28.9	34.7	36.0	39.1	39.7	33.3	31.4	30.0	29.8	28.3	27.2	27.3	26.7	32.0	13
19.4	19.9	20.6	20.7	22.4	23.0	23.3	23.3	23.4	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.8	23.9	23.6	23.3	23.4	23.2	23.5	14
19.4	19.9	20.6	20.7	22.4	23.0	23.3	23.3	23.4	23.7	23.8	23.8	23.8	23.9	23.6	23.3	23.4	23.2	23.5	15
90.0	88.5	93.0	93.0	99.0	105.0	108.0	108.0	108.0	108.0	108.0	108.0	108.0	108.0	106.5	103.5	102.0	100.5	106.4	16
34.0	33.0	34.0	34.0	41.0	45.0	45.0	44.0	45.0	44.0	43.0	42.0	41.0	40.0	36.0	34.0	33.0	32.0	39.9	17
26.0	26.0	26.0	25.5	27.5	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.0	27.0	26.5	26.5	28.1	18
15.8	15.6	15.6	15.8	16.0	16.2	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.2	16.2	16.4	16.4	19
9.8	10.8	10.8	9.8	13.8	15.6	11.4	11.2	11.0	11.0	10.8	10.8	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4	10.2	10.8	20
14.8	16.0	15.5	16.2	16.4	15.8	15.9	15.2	15.1	15.6	15.6	15.4	15.2	15.2	15.4	15.5	14.8	15.4	15.4	21
12.5	12.4	11.4	10.9	11.4	11.8	11.4	11.2	11.1	11.0	10.8	11.0	11.0	11.1	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.8	11.0	22
25.6	25.6	25.2	24.4	24.8	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.4	26.4	26.0	26.0	25.6	25.6	25.2	25.6	25.2	25.2	25.8	23
12.6	12.6	12.2	12.0	12.2	12.6	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.6	12.6	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.6	24
13.2	13.0	13.1	13.0	13.1	13.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.6	25
13.2	13.0	13.1	13.0	13.1	13.4	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.6	26
9.5	9.3	9.2	8.9	8.9	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.7	8.7	27
24.4	25.4	41.4	65.1	51.6	47.9	32.2	32.0	31.7	30.0	29.0	31.1	32.7	47.0	33.3	34.6	35.8	30.5	34.1	28
.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.9	.8	.8	.9	.9	29
\$ 7.51	\$ 7.53	\$ 8.17	\$ 7.97	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.56	\$ 8.68	\$ 8.59	\$ 8.69	\$ 8.69	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.56	\$ 8.57	\$ 8.81	\$ 8.52	\$ 8.45	\$ 8.38	\$ 8.33	\$ 8.56	30
c. 3.8	c. 3.8	c. 3.8	c. 3.8	c. 3.9	c. 3.9	c. 3.9	c. 3.9	c. 3.9	c. 3.9	c. 3.9	c. 3.9	c. 3.9	c. 3.9	c. 3.8	c. 3.8	c. 3.8	c. 3.8	c. 3.9	31
95.1	88.7	93.1	90.2	92.3	87.6	90.3	90.3	90.4	90.7	89.8	88.6	88.6	88.9	89.2	89.8	91.2	91.4	89.8	32
58.9	57.9	58.8	58.4	58.6	58.3	58.7	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.7	58.5	58.7	58.7	58.4	58.9	58.8	59.0	58.7	33
62.1	60.8	60.2	60.0	59.4	59.5	60.5	60.4	60.2	60.5	60.7	60.5	60.5	60.5	60.6	60.5	61.0	61.1	60.8	34
46.4	45.4	45.1	44.9	44.7	45.1	45.1	45.2	44.9	45.1	45.1	44.9	44.9	44.9	44.9	44.9	45.2	45.2	45.0	35
27.2	27.3	26.9	27.0	26.8	27.0	26.8	26.5	26.5	26.8	26.7	26.7	26.6	26.6	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.5	26.7	36
\$ 2.90	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.84	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.82	\$ 2.77	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.82	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.79	\$ 2.79	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.81	\$ 2.83	\$ 2.83	\$ 2.81	37
\$ 5.64	\$ 5.57	\$ 5.63	\$ 5.70	\$ 5.77	\$ 5.87	\$ 5.94	\$ 5.94	\$ 5.94	\$ 5.96	\$ 6.02	\$ 6.04	\$ 6.04	\$ 6.06	\$ 6.06	\$ 6.06	\$ 6.04	\$ 6.05	\$ 6.01	38
\$ 15.99	\$ 15.94	\$ 16.68	\$ 16.51	\$ 17.04	\$ 17.24	\$ 17.48	\$ 17.39	\$ 17.48	\$ 17.50	\$ 17.36	\$ 17.43	\$ 17.45	\$ 17.70	\$ 17.41	\$ 17.35	\$ 17.29	\$ 17.25	\$ 17.42	39

products and as a group lost the relatively favourable position gained in 1936 and 1937. Since the recovery in prices commenced from the low levels recorded during the depression in 1933 the index of "raw and partly manufactured goods" moved from a level 23 per cent lower than that of "fully and chiefly manufactured goods" to a point about 7.5 per cent above it in July, 1937, and then downward to nearly 12 per cent below it in December, 1938.

The index for Canadian farm products declined 23 per cent during the year under review, field products being down 35 per cent

and animal products two per cent. The index for "producers' goods" was 68.4 in December, 1938, as compared with 82.7 in December, 1937, and 90.3 in July, 1937. The index for "consumers' goods" was 76 in December, 1938, 79.1 in December, 1937, and 81.1 in July, 1937. The decline in the former group during the year was due mainly to lower prices for certain building materials, as well as for materials for the milling industries, for the furs and leather goods industries, for the meat packing industries and for miscellaneous producers' materials. In "consumers' goods" the decline was due mainly to lower prices

TABLE III.—COST PER WEEK (IN TERMS OF THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES IN THE DOMINION AND RENT ENTERING

FOOD

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canada.....	15-30	14-48	11-03	10-52	10-78	10-77	11-63	11-37	11-19	11-30	11-88	9-86	7-68	6-94	7-50
Nova Scotia.....	15-35	14-72	11-18	10-68	11-12	10-85	11-80	11-34	11-12	11-33	11-92	10-21	8-19	7-32	7-81
Prince Edward Island.....	13-42	13-18	9-78	9-43	9-68	9-76	10-77	10-52	10-32	10-23	11-00	9-81	7-69	7-04	7-35
New Brunswick.....	14-97	14-44	11-11	10-48	11-13	10-94	11-82	11-42	11-26	11-21	11-81	10-20	8-24	7-32	7-72
Quebec.....	14-67	13-76	10-63	10-24	10-28	10-12	11-23	10-62	10-37	10-54	11-11	9-24	7-14	6-45	6-95
Ontario.....	15-35	14-39	10-88	10-45	10-67	10-60	11-66	11-48	11-22	11-27	11-84	9-77	7-56	6-85	7-47
Manitoba.....	16-09	13-94	10-87	10-16	10-31	10-51	10-83	10-74	10-80	11-13	11-51	9-33	7-36	6-66	7-06
Saskatchewan.....	15-39	14-10	11-06	10-47	10-50	10-91	11-21	11-47	11-37	11-36	11-90	9-58	7-40	6-66	7-34
Alberta.....	15-88	14-77	10-94	10-26	10-61	11-13	11-31	11-24	11-29	11-52	12-15	9-51	7-46	6-72	7-32
British Columbia.....	16-11	15-75	12-08	11-39	11-80	11-89	12-42	12-12	12-16	12-26	12-85	10-89	8-38	7-65	8-24

FUEL AND LIGHT*

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canada.....	3-27	4-17	3-53	3-61	3-49	3-37	3-44	3-33	3-28	3-27	3-26	3-25	3-11	2-93	2-84
Nova Scotia.....	2-65	3-70	3-18	3-20	3-11	2-99	3-03	2-87	2-91	2-88	2-89	2-97	2-78	2-49	2-59
Prince Edward Island.....	3-15	4-27	3-20	3-54	3-50	3-36	3-02	3-36	2-89	2-94	2-95	2-94	2-94	2-71	2-78
New Brunswick.....	3-06	4-12	3-45	3-30	3-35	3-15	3-19	3-20	3-12	3-06	3-08	3-05	2-88	2-72	2-70
Quebec.....	3-18	4-14	3-53	3-63	3-47	3-31	3-48	3-39	3-35	3-36	3-33	3-22	3-15	2-93	2-79
Ontario.....	3-39	4-36	3-60	3-78	3-62	3-46	3-58	3-45	3-39	3-39	3-37	3-38	3-24	3-04	2-95
Manitoba.....	3-48	4-52	3-72	3-84	3-84	3-60	3-57	3-51	3-39	3-62	3-62	3-67	3-12	2-95	2-94
Saskatchewan.....	3-26	3-49	3-34	2-73	2-96	2-81	2-62	2-62	2-69	2-65	2-59	2-48	2-31	1-99	1-91
Alberta.....	2-68	3-36	2-49	2-59	2-38	2-51	2-41	2-41	2-28	1-92	1-92	1-92	1-81	1-80	1-68
British Columbia.....	2-97	3-60	3-39	2-99	2-96	2-88	2-80	2-82	2-82	2-82	2-83	2-82	2-76	2-52	2-39

RENT

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canada.....	5-54	6-60	6-92	6-96	6-92	6-91	6-86	6-85	6-89	6-94	6-99	7-06	6-77	5-98	5-57
Nova Scotia.....	4-71	5-93	6-00	5-93	5-58	5-47	5-60	5-60	5-60	5-60	5-60	5-96	6-08	5-79	5-33
Prince Edward Island.....	3-75	4-25	5-63	5-88	5-88	5-88	5-63	5-63	5-63	5-75	5-88	5-88	5-88	5-88	5-75
New Brunswick.....	5-19	6-13	6-13	6-59	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-75	6-44	6-44	6-09	5-75
Quebec.....	3-89	4-64	5-29	5-58	5-76	5-76	5-72	5-75	5-79	5-83	5-83	6-03	5-76	5-51	5-07
Ontario.....	5-78	6-90	7-36	7-35	7-32	7-28	7-23	7-16	7-24	7-30	7-36	7-40	7-03	6-07	5-70
Manitoba.....	6-56	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	7-81	6-56	5-94
Saskatchewan.....	8-33	8-59	8-75	8-91	8-91	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-75	8-05	6-31	6-09
Alberta.....	7-19	7-81	7-81	7-81	7-19	7-03	7-03	7-34	7-19	7-50	7-50	7-81	7-27	6-19	5-63
British Columbia.....	5-23	6-38	6-38	6-38	6-38	6-38	6-45	6-45	6-56	6-56	6-69	6-69	6-64	5-85	5-28

TOTALS†

	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canada.....	24-15	25-30	21-52	21-13	21-23	21-09	21-96	21-59	21-41	21-55	22-17	20-21	17-59	15-89	15-95
Nova Scotia.....	22-76	24-39	20-40	19-84	19-85	19-35	20-48	19-86	19-67	19-86	20-46	19-17	17-09	15-64	15-77
Prince Edward Island.....	20-38	21-75	18-66	18-89	19-10	19-04	19-45	19-55	18-88	18-96	19-87	18-66	16-56	15-67	15-93
New Brunswick.....	23-27	24-74	20-73	20-42	21-26	20-88	21-81	21-41	21-17	21-06	21-68	19-73	17-60	16-17	16-20
Quebec.....	21-79	22-58	19-49	19-49	19-54	19-23	20-48	19-80	19-55	19-77	20-32	18-53	16-09	14-94	14-85
Ontario.....	24-57	25-70	21-87	21-62	21-65	21-38	22-50	22-12	21-89	21-99	22-62	20-57	17-86	15-99	16-15
Manitoba.....	26-18	27-26	23-38	22-79	22-94	22-90	23-20	23-04	22-98	23-54	23-92	21-79	18-34	16-22	15-98
Saskatchewan.....	27-05	26-24	23-20	22-16	22-42	22-51	22-62	22-89	22-87	22-80	23-25	20-85	17-80	15-01	15-38
Alberta.....	25-80	26-00	21-29	20-71	20-22	20-71	20-80	21-04	20-80	20-99	21-62	19-29	16-58	14-75	14-67
British Columbia.....	24-36	25-78	21-89	20-79	21-18	21-19	21-73	21-43	21-59	21-69	22-40	20-44	17-83	16-06	15-95

* Coal, wood and coal oil, no allowance is made for the varying extent to which these are used in the different provinces.

† Including also laundry starch.

for certain foods chiefly flour and milled products, and milk products.

In the grouping according to chief component materials the Vegetable Products group declined much more than any of the other seven principal groups the index being down from 85.3 in December, 1937, to 60.2 in December, 1938, influenced to a great extent by lower prices for grains, milled products, bakery products and vegetable oils. The Animal Products group declined from 78.2 in December, 1937, to 72.9 in December, 1938, mainly because of lower prices for furs, leather, livestock and milk products. The Iron and

Its Products group was 104.1 in December, 1937, and 98.1 in December, 1938, the decrease being due mainly to lower prices for pig iron and steel billets also for rolling mill products. In the Textile Products group the largest declines were in raw wool and in certain woollen products. Raw cotton and raw silk were slightly higher at the end of the year than at the beginning following the decline in these two commodities in the last half of 1937. The Non-Ferrous Metals group was slightly higher at the end of 1938 than at the end of 1937 following a substantial decline between August and December, 1937.

IN EACH PROVINCE) OF CERTAIN STAPLE FOODS, FUEL AND LIGHTING, IN THE QUANTITIES STATED, INTO A FAMILY BUDGET

FOOD

1935		1936		1937		1938												
Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	July	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
7.51	7.53	8.17	7.97	8.41	8.56	8.68	8.59	8.69	8.69	8.50	8.56	8.57	8.81	8.52	8.45	8.38	8.33	8.56
7.73	7.61	8.35	8.00	8.43	8.40	8.79	8.68	8.77	8.73	8.52	8.52	8.65	8.83	8.56	8.48	8.48	8.49	8.63
7.30	7.13	7.72	7.40	8.28	8.09	8.61	8.32	8.47	8.52	8.40	8.44	8.49	8.63	8.40	8.09	8.04	8.11	8.38
7.85	7.62	8.41	8.18	8.61	8.46	8.90	8.81	8.87	8.86	8.74	8.66	8.64	8.89	8.66	8.57	8.53	8.56	8.72
6.98	6.88	7.62	7.58	7.90	7.74	8.19	8.09	8.13	8.19	7.88	7.98	8.06	8.16	7.93	7.86	7.92	7.88	8.02
7.50	7.52	8.25	8.04	8.37	8.64	8.66	8.54	8.61	8.61	8.41	8.47	8.52	8.75	8.48	8.44	8.38	8.28	8.51
7.20	7.50	7.82	7.53	8.54	8.55	8.42	8.27	8.51	8.50	8.41	8.39	8.22	8.63	8.11	8.11	7.92	8.02	8.29
7.27	7.31	7.65	7.25	8.25	8.36	8.58	8.55	8.68	8.72	8.46	8.63	8.47	8.65	8.25	8.10	7.92	8.00	8.42
7.33	7.44	7.79	7.49	8.24	8.61	8.44	8.41	8.53	8.50	8.39	8.50	8.34	8.85	8.37	8.27	8.23	8.13	8.41
8.18	8.41	8.87	8.79	9.22	9.57	9.61	9.55	9.64	9.69	9.57	9.65	9.71	9.88	9.59	9.42	9.34	9.25	9.57

FUEL AND LIGHT*

2.90	2.80	2.84	2.81	2.82	2.77	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.82	2.81	2.79	2.79	2.80	2.80	2.81	2.83	2.83	2.81
2.53	2.41	2.52	2.48	2.47	2.42	2.50	2.46	2.46	2.45	2.43	2.43	2.47	2.47	2.48	2.47	2.47	2.46	2.46
2.68	2.68	2.61	2.64	2.61	2.68	2.68	2.67	2.68	2.84	2.85	2.78	2.77	2.72	2.72	2.59	2.58	2.58	2.70
2.70	2.65	2.64	2.61	2.61	2.64	2.63	2.64	2.63	2.64	2.64	2.64	2.54	2.54	2.54	2.54	2.63	2.63	2.60
2.89	2.79	2.83	2.78	2.82	2.83	2.87	2.86	2.86	2.86	2.87	2.87	2.88	2.87	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.88	2.87
3.05	2.92	2.97	2.93	2.94	2.86	2.90	2.90	2.89	2.90	2.89	2.87	2.87	2.87	2.87	2.89	2.92	2.93	2.89
3.03	3.03	3.03	2.98	2.94	2.96	2.99	2.99	2.99	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.06	3.06	3.04	3.05
1.99	1.99	1.94	1.94	1.94	1.95	1.96	1.97	1.97	1.96	1.97	1.96	1.96	1.96	1.96	1.98	2.00	2.00	1.97
1.66	1.63	1.62	1.63	1.62	1.64	1.64	1.63	1.64	1.63	1.63	1.62	1.63	1.64	1.63	1.64	1.62	1.61	1.63
2.36	2.36	2.37	2.38	2.39	2.39	2.40	2.43	2.42	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.44	2.45	2.45	2.44

RENT

5.54	5.57	5.63	5.70	5.77	5.87	5.94	5.94	5.94	5.96	6.02	6.04	6.04	6.06	6.06	6.06	6.04	6.05	6.01
5.29	5.35	5.42	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.33	5.33	5.36
5.75	5.38	5.38	5.38	5.38	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
5.69	5.53	5.53	5.53	5.52	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.72
4.96	4.96	4.96	5.03	5.03	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.42	5.58	5.58	5.58	5.58	5.58	5.58	5.58	5.44
5.78	5.84	5.93	6.03	6.03	6.28	6.39	6.39	6.39	6.40	6.45	6.46	6.46	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.45	6.45	6.44
5.94	5.81	5.75	5.88	5.88	6.06	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.42
5.88	5.88	5.88	6.00	6.06	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19	6.19
5.50	5.56	5.59	5.59	5.63	5.69	5.84	5.84	5.84	5.84	5.84	5.84	5.84	5.84	5.84	5.84	5.91	6.03	5.87
5.24	5.31	5.42	5.53	5.63	5.69	5.69	5.69	5.69	5.77	5.77	5.77	5.77	5.77	5.77	5.77	5.77	5.77	5.75

TOTALS†

15.99	15.94	16.68	16.51	17.04	17.24	17.48	17.39	17.48	17.50	17.36	17.43	17.45	17.70	17.41	17.35	17.29	17.25	17.42
15.60	15.41	16.33	15.87	16.29	16.23	16.68	16.53	16.62	16.58	16.34	16.34	16.55	16.74	16.48	16.39	16.33	16.33	16.49
15.77	15.23	15.75	15.45	16.30	16.31	16.83	16.54	16.69	16.90	16.79	16.77	16.80	16.89	16.66	16.22	16.16	16.22	16.62
16.28	15.85	16.63	16.35	16.98	16.76	17.99	17.20	17.27	17.25	17.13	17.04	16.94	17.19	16.96	16.77	16.92	16.95	17.08
14.85	14.66	15.44	15.43	15.79	15.80	16.29	16.19	16.22	16.28	16.21	16.46	16.55	16.65	16.43	16.36	16.42	16.38	16.37
16.36	16.32	17.19	17.04	17.48	17.82	17.98	17.87	17.93	17.94	17.78	17.83	17.88	18.14	17.87	17.85	17.79	17.69	17.88
16.21	16.38	16.64	16.43	17.40	17.62	17.70	17.56	17.79	17.87	18.02	18.00	17.83	18.24	17.72	17.71	17.52	17.61	17.80
15.18	15.22	15.52	15.23	16.30	16.55	16.77	16.75	16.88	16.91	16.66	16.83	16.66	16.84	16.45	16.32	16.15	16.23	16.62
14.53	14.68	15.06	14.76	15.53	15.99	15.98	15.93	16.06	16.02	15.91	16.01	15.85	16.38	15.89	15.80	15.81	15.81	15.95
15.81	16.12	16.70	16.74	17.28	17.60	17.73	17.71	17.79	17.94	17.82	17.90	17.97	18.13	17.84	17.67	17.60	17.51	17.80

TABLE IV.—WHOLESALE PRICES OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES, 1929-1938

Commodities	Unit	Dec. 1929	Dec. 1932	Dec. 1936	Dec. 1937	Dec. 1938	Commodities	Unit	Dec. 1929	Dec. 1932	Dec. 1936	Dec. 1937	Dec. 1938
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Oats.....	bush.	0.634	0.210	0.500	0.495	0.284	Cotton, raw.....	lb.	0.183	0.082	0.147	0.102	0.103
Wheat.....	bush.	1.378	0.424	1.202	1.374	0.606	Cotton yarns.....	lb.	0.357	0.210	0.310	0.260	0.250
Flour.....	brl.	8.600	4.400	7.500	7.800	4.830	Wool, raw.....	lb.	0.240	0.090	0.245	0.235	0.160
Sugar, raw.....	cwt.			1.875	2.225	2.050	Pulp, groundwood.....	ton	29.470	19.650	20.717	20.081	20.950
Sugar, granulated.....	cwt.	5.270	4.180	4.610	5.085	4.800	Pig iron, malleable.....	ton	22.000	19.000	20.000	23.500	20.500
Rubber, raw.....	lb.	0.161	0.038	0.201	0.152	0.164	Steel bars.....	100lb.	2.400	2.250	2.400	2.700	2.550
Cattle, good steers.....	cwt.	9.630	4.100	5.460	7.050	6.470	Copper.....	cwt.	19.750	7.021	11.550	10.614	10.848
Hogs, bacon.....	cwt.	11.940	3.970	8.210	8.320	8.960	Lead.....	cwt.	6.500	3.886	6.246	4.402	4.130
Hides, beef.....	lb.	0.145	0.048	0.155	0.140	0.115	Spelter.....	cwt.	6.000	3.971	4.768	4.293	3.780
Butter, creamery.....	lb.	0.430	0.238	0.273	0.314	0.229	Coal, anthracite.....	ton	13.470	13.328	10.710	10.350	10.600
Cheese.....	lb.	0.280	0.180	0.170	0.180	0.200	Coal, Nova Scotia.....	ton	6.000	5.250	5.250	5.250	5.500
Eggs, fresh.....	doz.	0.678	0.406	0.404	0.354	0.385	Gasoline.....	gal.	0.195	0.180	0.150	0.160	0.150

TABLE V.—DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS WEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
IN CANADA BY GROUPS
ACCORDING TO CHIEF COMPONENT MATERIALS, 1913-1938
(Average Prices in 1926=100)

Groups	I Vegetable Products	II Animals and their Products	III Fibres, and Textiles Products	IV Wood, Wood Products and Paper	V Iron and its Products	VI Non- Ferrous Metals and their Products	VII Non- Metallic Minerals and their Products	VIII Chemicals and Allied Products	All Commo- dities
Number of Commodities	67	50	28	21	26	15	16	13	236
1913-1925.....	124	74	60	44	39	15	73	73	502
1926-1933.....	135	76	85	49	44	18	83	77	567
1913.....	58.1	70.9	58.2	63.9	68.9	98.4	56.8	63.4	64.0
1914.....	64.8	72.6	56.9	60.3	67.3	94.7	53.7	65.3	65.5
1915.....	75.6	74.0	58.3	56.5	73.9	106.9	52.7	68.1	70.4
1916.....	87.0	85.0	77.6	64.0	104.6	135.1	58.0	78.0	84.3
1917.....	124.5	110.4	114.6	79.8	151.8	143.9	71.6	98.1	114.3
1918.....	127.9	127.1	157.1	89.1	156.9	141.9	82.3	118.7	127.4
1919.....	136.1	140.8	163.8	109.6	139.1	133.5	93.6	117.5	134.0
1920.....	167.0	145.1	176.5	154.4	168.4	135.5	112.2	141.5	155.9
1921.....	103.5	109.6	96.0	129.4	128.0	97.0	116.6	117.0	110.0
1922.....	86.2	96.0	101.7	106.3	104.6	97.3	107.0	105.4	97.3
1923.....	83.7	95.0	116.9	113.0	115.8	95.3	104.4	104.4	98.0
1924.....	89.2	91.8	117.9	105.9	111.0	94.8	104.1	102.5	99.4
1925.....	100.6	100.3	112.5	101.6	104.5	103.9	100.3	99.6	102.6
1926.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1927.....	98.3	101.9	93.7	98.5	96.2	91.5	96.5	98.3	97.7
1928.....	93.0	108.1	94.5	98.7	93.2	92.0	92.5	95.3	96.4
1929.....	91.6	109.0	91.3	93.9	93.7	99.2	92.9	95.4	95.6
1930.....	77.7	99.1	81.8	88.7	91.1	80.7	91.3	92.8	86.6
1931.....	56.9	73.9	73.4	79.1	87.4	64.6	86.5	86.7	72.1
1932.....	54.8	59.7	69.7	69.1	86.3	59.0	85.5	83.9	66.7
1933.....	59.3	59.4	69.7	62.8	85.4	64.3	84.4	81.3	67.1
1934.....	66.6	67.2	72.9	65.4	87.0	64.3	86.0	81.2	71.6
1935.....	67.3	70.4	70.2	64.6	87.2	69.1	85.5	79.1	72.1
1936.....	72.6	71.8	69.7	68.5	83.0	70.1	85.4	77.9	74.6
1937.....	88.4	78.4	72.7	76.7	101.8	83.3	86.6	81.4	84.6
1938.....	73.8	76.7	67.3	77.5	100.4	70.9	86.8	79.9	78.6
Mar. 1931.....	58.7	80.6	74.3	81.3	87.8	68.6	86.9	87.9	74.5
June 1931.....	57.9	70.5	74.6	79.7	87.4	62.1	84.8	86.7	71.8
Sept. 1931.....	54.0	69.0	72.4	76.8	86.8	60.7	86.5	84.6	69.7
Dec. 1931.....	56.4	66.4	71.8	76.7	87.3	66.3	87.5	86.6	70.4
Mar. 1932.....	57.5	63.2	70.8	73.2	86.3	60.2	86.3	84.0	69.0
June 1932.....	54.7	57.0	69.3	70.5	86.6	56.6	85.9	83.5	66.4
Sept. 1932.....	53.9	60.8	70.0	64.3	86.0	58.9	85.9	83.4	65.9
Dec. 1932.....	50.1	57.4	68.5	63.8	86.2	57.5	86.1	83.5	64.0
Mar. 1933.....	51.8	58.4	67.7	62.7	85.0	59.8	84.8	81.8	64.3
June 1933.....	61.5	58.5	69.9	61.7	85.3	68.0	82.7	80.8	67.5
Sept. 1933.....	62.5	60.6	71.7	63.8	85.5	67.5	85.0	81.5	68.9
Dec. 1933.....	60.4	63.7	71.7	64.4	86.7	66.5	85.8	80.8	69.0
Mar. 1934.....	65.8	70.4	74.5	65.3	87.2	66.0	86.2	81.0	72.1
June 1934.....	67.4	67.1	73.8	66.2	87.5	64.1	85.6	81.9	72.0
Sept. 1934.....	68.6	67.4	71.8	65.3	86.6	62.1	86.1	81.7	71.9
Dec. 1934.....	66.7	66.2	71.5	64.5	86.8	63.7	86.1	80.4	71.1
Mar. 1935.....	67.4	69.7	70.4	64.4	87.6	65.2	85.8	80.5	71.9
June 1935.....	66.1	68.7	70.4	63.9	87.2	69.6	85.1	79.8	71.4
Sept. 1935.....	67.5	72.1	68.8	65.1	87.2	71.1	85.2	76.9	72.4
Dec. 1935.....	67.1	73.0	69.6	65.9	87.2	71.5	85.4	77.5	72.7
Mar. 1936.....	66.7	70.5	69.6	67.8	87.3	69.3	85.9	77.2	72.4
June 1936.....	66.9	69.7	69.2	68.1	87.7	67.7	85.7	77.2	72.3
Sept. 1936.....	77.4	73.6	69.7	68.8	88.2	70.2	85.4	76.5	76.4
Dec. 1936.....	84.3	73.9	71.0	69.6	91.4	77.8	85.8	79.1	79.7
Mar. 1937.....	90.6	74.9	73.8	77.3	100.1	97.6	85.5	81.6	85.5
June 1937.....	87.0	77.5	74.9	77.8	103.0	84.3	86.8	81.6	84.6
Sept. 1937.....	86.5	81.8	71.7	77.2	105.3	83.4	87.4	81.7	85.0
Dec. 1937.....	85.3	78.2	69.0	75.5	104.1	72.3	87.1	80.7	82.7
Jan. 1938.....	87.4	77.2	68.6	79.6	103.9	72.5	87.1	80.8	83.8
Feb. 1938.....	87.0	77.8	68.6	79.4	103.7	71.1	87.1	80.6	83.6
Mar. 1938.....	85.1	79.2	67.9	79.0	103.4	71.3	87.0	80.5	83.1
April 1938.....	84.0	79.1	67.8	77.6	102.5	70.6	86.6	80.4	82.3
May 1938.....	79.1	77.2	67.7	77.2	101.5	69.0	87.1	80.5	80.3
June 1938.....	78.6	77.8	67.2	76.7	101.4	67.8	87.1	80.1	80.1
July 1938.....	74.4	78.3	67.2	76.7	97.8	70.5	86.7	79.4	78.6
Aug. 1938.....	67.0	76.2	66.9	76.8	98.0	70.0	86.7	79.4	76.0
Sept. 1938.....	61.8	76.4	66.7	77.0	98.2	70.7	86.9	79.5	74.5
Oct. 1938.....	60.8	74.8	66.5	77.1	98.1	73.0	86.4	79.5	74.1
Nov. 1938.....	60.2	73.3	66.4	76.3	98.2	72.7	86.2	79.4	73.5
Dec. 1938.....	60.2	72.9	66.3	76.2	98.1	71.5	86.3	79.0	73.3

TABLE VI.—DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS WEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES
IN CANADA, BY GROUPS, ACCORDING TO "PURPOSE", 1913-1933
(Average Prices in 1926=100)

Groups	I. Consumers' Goods			II. Producers' Goods				
	All	Foods, beverages and tobacco	Other	All	Pro- ducers' equip- ment	Producers' Materials		
						All	Building and construc- tion	Manu- facturers
Number of commodities	98	74	24	146	15	131	32	99
(1913-1935.....	204	116	88	351	22	329	97	232
(1926-1933.....	236	126	110	402	24	378	111	267
(1934-1938.....								
1913.....	62.0	61.8	62.2	67.7	55.1	69.1	67.0	69.5
1914.....	62.1	65.0	60.1	70.1	52.4	72.1	62.8	74.2
1915.....	62.8	68.7	58.8	77.1	51.2	80.0	60.5	84.6
1916.....	72.2	81.2	66.2	89.7	55.7	93.5	69.5	99.1
1917.....	90.5	109.1	78.1	120.6	65.3	126.7	87.4	136.0
1918.....	102.7	119.0	91.9	133.3	81.9	139.0	100.7	148.1
1919.....	115.2	127.9	106.7	139.8	90.7	145.2	117.8	151.6
1920.....	136.1	150.8	126.3	164.8	108.6	171.0	144.0	177.3
1921.....	108.9	105.1	111.5	113.3	113.8	113.3	122.7	110.8
1922.....	96.9	90.2	101.4	98.8	104.1	98.2	108.7	95.8
1923.....	94.7	91.2	97.0	97.6	102.5	97.1	111.9	83.7
1924.....	94.2	90.4	96.8	99.4	102.7	99.0	106.6	87.5
1925.....	97.0	97.7	96.5	104.9	99.2	105.5	102.9	106.2
1926.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1927.....	95.7	92.4	93.3	98.5	101.1	98.2	96.1	98.6
1928.....	95.6	99.6	92.9	96.7	93.7	97.0	97.4	96.9
1929.....	94.7	100.0	91.1	96.1	94.6	96.3	99.0	95.9
1930.....	89.3	93.1	86.8	82.5	92.9	81.3	90.8	79.7
1931.....	76.2	70.4	80.0	67.1	90.0	64.6	81.9	61.7
1932.....	71.3	61.5	77.8	62.4	88.7	59.5	77.2	56.5
1933.....	71.1	63.8	76.0	63.1	86.0	60.5	78.3	57.5
1934.....	74.1	69.7	77.0	67.8	88.9	65.5	82.5	62.6
1935.....	73.6	70.4	75.7	69.5	89.8	67.2	81.2	64.8
1936.....	74.7	73.4	75.6	72.4	90.1	70.5	85.4	67.9
1937.....	79.5	81.2	78.4	86.1	93.8	85.2	94.4	83.6
1938.....	77.3	77.4	77.2	76.0	95.1	73.9	90.0	71.1
Mar. 1931.....	79.2	76.2	81.2	69.0	90.6	66.6	83.8	62.8
June 1931.....	75.4	68.9	79.8	68.0	89.1	65.7	82.8	61.9
Sept. 1931.....	74.4	66.9	79.4	65.1	89.3	62.4	79.9	58.5
Dec. 1931.....	73.6	65.4	79.0	67.4	91.1	64.8	79.3	61.6
Mar. 1932.....	72.5	64.2	78.0	66.0	90.8	63.2	78.9	59.7
June 1932.....	70.5	59.7	77.7	63.1	88.1	60.3	76.8	56.6
Sept. 1932.....	71.6	62.2	77.8	61.5	88.1	58.5	76.2	54.6
Dec. 1932.....	70.0	59.5	77.0	58.5	87.7	55.3	75.7	50.8
Mar. 1933.....	69.3	59.8	75.7	59.5	87.1	56.4	75.1	53.2
June 1933.....	70.4	63.9	74.8	64.6	84.8	62.4	78.9	59.6
Sept. 1933.....	72.7	65.7	77.3	65.6	85.6	63.4	80.8	60.4
Dec. 1933.....	73.3	67.4	77.3	64.3	87.2	61.8	80.6	58.6
Mar. 1934.....	75.9	72.8	78.0	67.1	87.9	64.8	82.2	61.8
June 1934.....	74.1	69.7	77.1	68.8	89.2	66.5	83.9	63.6
Sept. 1934.....	73.9	69.6	76.7	68.9	89.5	66.6	82.7	63.9
Dec. 1934.....	72.9	67.9	76.2	68.3	89.6	65.9	81.4	63.3
Mar. 1935.....	73.6	70.1	75.9	69.1	89.7	66.8	81.1	64.4
June 1935.....	72.7	68.6	75.5	69.3	89.9	67.0	81.0	64.6
Sept. 1935.....	73.4	71.0	75.0	70.1	89.8	67.9	81.2	65.6
Dec. 1935.....	74.4	72.5	75.6	69.4	90.1	67.1	82.1	64.5
Mar. 1936.....	73.8	70.8	75.8	69.3	90.3	67.0	84.2	64.1
June 1936.....	73.7	71.2	75.4	68.5	90.0	66.1	84.8	62.9
Sept. 1936.....	75.5	75.6	75.5	75.4	89.7	73.8	86.0	71.7
Dec. 1936.....	76.9	77.4	76.5	80.4	91.8	79.1	88.0	77.6
Mar. 1937.....	78.3	79.4	77.5	88.8	91.9	88.4	97.3	86.9
June 1937.....	79.5	80.3	79.0	85.8	94.3	84.9	96.4	83.0
Sept. 1937.....	80.3	82.1	79.1	85.9	94.5	84.9	94.3	83.3
Dec. 1937.....	79.1	80.3	78.3	82.7	94.2	81.4	91.7	79.6
Jan. 1938.....	78.7	79.8	78.0	84.5	94.5	83.4	91.6	82.0
Feb. 1938.....	79.1	80.7	78.0	83.7	94.5	82.5	91.4	81.0
Mar. 1938.....	79.0	81.2	77.6	82.5	94.5	81.2	91.0	79.5
April 1938.....	78.5	80.6	77.1	81.9	94.5	80.5	90.4	78.8
May 1938.....	77.7	78.4	77.3	78.9	95.5	77.0	89.4	74.9
June 1938.....	77.8	79.2	76.9	78.5	95.5	76.6	88.9	74.5
July 1938.....	77.8	79.0	77.0	78.1	95.5	73.9	89.2	71.4
Aug. 1938.....	76.5	75.8	76.9	71.9	95.5	69.3	90.1	65.8
Sept. 1938.....	76.1	74.3	77.3	69.0	95.6	66.0	89.7	62.0
Oct. 1938.....	75.3	73.0	76.8	68.6	95.3	65.6	89.8	61.5
Nov. 1938.....	74.8	72.0	76.7	68.0	95.3	65.0	89.3	60.9
Dec. 1938.....	76.0	75.0	76.7	68.4	95.2	65.4	89.1	61.4

TABLE VII.—DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS WEIGHTED INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA BY GROUPS ACCORDING TO "ORIGIN", 1913-1938

(Average Prices in 1926=100)

Groups	Raw and partly manufactured	Fully and chiefly manufactured	I. Farm (domestic and foreign)			II Marine	III Forest	IV Mineral
			Field	Animal	Canadian			
Number of Commodities:								
(1913-1925....	107	129	87	53	36	8	21	67
(1926-1933....	232	276	167	90	59	16	52	183
(1934-1938....	245	322	186	105	70	16	57	203
1913.....	63.8	64.8	59.2	70.1	64.1	65.9	60.1	67.9
1914.....	66.2	65.6	65.2	70.7	70.2	63.9	58.4	64.9
1915.....	72.5	71.1	75.6	73.7	77.9	65.0	56.1	68.9
1916.....	86.4	84.6	87.6	86.1	89.8	69.8	61.8	85.5
1917.....	113.6	113.5	124.5	112.5	128.5	87.2	76.9	107.7
1918.....	120.8	127.7	134.7	129.0	132.6	111.7	89.7	115.2
1919.....	130.3	132.1	142.5	142.6	146.7	115.8	107.9	114.3
1920.....	154.1	156.5	176.4	146.0	160.6	114.1	151.3	134.6
1921.....	107.2	116.1	106.6	108.2	103.7	91.2	136.9	117.8
1922.....	94.7	100.4	91.2	95.9	88.0	91.7	106.8	106.4
1923.....	91.1	103.1	93.1	95.7	81.5	85.4	112.8	106.6
1924.....	94.8	101.9	96.6	90.9	88.1	92.9	107.6	104.6
1925.....	100.8	103.8	104.0	100.5	101.0	97.8	103.3	101.7
1926.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1927.....	99.9	96.5	97.9	100.5	102.1	100.2	98.3	94.6
1928.....	97.4	95.0	92.2	105.1	100.7	100.6	98.6	91.5
1929.....	97.5	93.0	90.1	105.5	100.8	105.3	93.7	92.8
1930.....	82.2	87.3	76.3	95.6	82.3	95.3	88.5	88.4
1931.....	61.9	74.8	57.7	73.9	56.3	75.6	79.0	81.9
1932.....	55.0	69.8	55.1	60.6	48.4	63.8	69.2	81.4
1933.....	56.6	70.2	59.3	61.0	51.0	62.9	63.0	80.6
1934.....	63.5	73.4	64.8	68.2	59.0	71.1	65.5	82.2
1935.....	66.9	72.8	65.1	70.6	63.5	69.2	64.7	82.8
1936.....	70.8	73.7	69.2	72.4	70.1	69.2	68.5	82.8
1937.....	84.3	80.5	83.1	79.0	87.1	71.8	76.4	88.8
1938.....	72.8	73.2	70.4	76.7	73.6	70.2	77.1	86.5
Mar. 1931.....	64.4	78.0	59.3	80.2	59.4	75.3	81.2	84.2
June 1931.....	61.3	74.0	58.5	70.8	56.0	72.7	79.6	80.2
Sept. 1931.....	58.5	72.4	54.9	69.2	52.6	73.5	76.8	80.8
Dec. 1931.....	60.2	72.6	57.1	67.0	53.8	71.6	76.7	83.4
Mar. 1932.....	58.0	71.5	57.3	63.8	52.6	66.5	73.1	81.4
June 1932.....	53.8	69.4	54.5	57.9	47.6	61.9	70.6	81.1
Sept. 1932.....	54.2	69.3	54.5	61.6	47.3	60.8	64.5	81.2
Dec. 1932.....	51.0	67.8	51.0	58.8	42.6	60.0	63.9	81.2
Mar. 1933.....	52.1	67.8	52.5	59.5	44.6	58.5	63.1	80.0
June 1933.....	57.6	70.2	61.6	59.9	52.5	60.3	61.9	79.8
Sept. 1933.....	59.9	71.5	62.7	62.7	54.6	66.5	64.0	81.6
Dec. 1933.....	58.9	72.0	60.3	65.3	53.6	66.8	64.7	82.2
Mar. 1934.....	62.3	75.1	64.2	71.0	56.9	68.5	65.5	82.7
June 1934.....	64.6	73.0	65.3	68.0	59.6	69.2	66.4	82.1
Sept. 1934.....	64.8	73.5	66.7	67.5	61.2	75.3	65.4	81.8
Dec. 1934.....	64.3	72.5	64.9	67.7	61.6	70.5	64.6	82.1
Mar. 1935.....	65.2	73.3	65.4	70.0	62.7	71.8	64.5	82.5
June 1935.....	65.0	71.5	64.4	68.5	61.4	69.1	64.0	81.6
Sept. 1935.....	67.3	72.4	65.1	72.1	65.2	68.7	65.1	82.8
Dec. 1935.....	67.2	72.9	64.6	73.4	65.5	68.0	66.0	83.0
Mar. 1936.....	67.3	72.1	64.4	71.4	65.5	69.3	67.7	82.7
June 1936.....	66.6	71.9	64.2	70.1	64.5	67.3	68.0	82.4
Sept. 1936.....	73.9	75.1	73.1	73.7	75.0	71.8	69.1	82.9
Dec. 1936.....	79.3	77.3	79.5	75.5	82.4	69.6	69.8	85.1
Mar. 1937.....	86.9	79.7	85.2	77.1	90.0	66.3	77.1	90.2
June 1937.....	83.2	80.3	82.3	77.4	83.7	71.7	77.5	89.2
Sept. 1937.....	81.3	81.3	81.5	81.5	86.3	76.4	77.0	89.9
Dec. 1937.....	80.8	80.2	80.3	78.5	84.2	73.6	75.3	87.7
Jan. 1938.....	82.0	81.6	82.2	77.8	86.3	73.2	79.2	87.8
Feb. 1938.....	81.1	82.0	81.8	78.1	85.1	74.2	79.1	87.5
Mar. 1938.....	79.7	82.0	80.0	79.2	83.0	73.3	78.6	87.5
April 1938.....	79.0	81.3	78.9	79.2	82.5	69.1	77.3	87.0
May 1938.....	79.4	79.4	74.6	77.2	77.3	68.0	76.8	86.7
June 1938.....	75.3	79.2	74.1	77.0	76.6	67.8	76.4	86.6
July 1938.....	72.5	78.4	70.6	77.3	71.5	67.1	76.4	85.9
Aug. 1938.....	67.5	77.0	64.6	75.7	64.2	68.6	76.5	85.8
Sept. 1938.....	65.6	75.6	60.3	76.2	63.8	70.6	76.7	86.1
Oct. 1938.....	65.1	74.8	59.4	73.9	63.8	72.1	76.8	85.9
Nov. 1938.....	64.6	74.0	58.8	73.9	64.9	70.5	75.9	85.9
Dec. 1938.....	64.9	73.6	58.9	73.7	64.6	67.4	75.9	85.6

Prices in Great Britain and Other Countries

The accompanying tables numbered VIII to XXV give index numbers of retail prices of foods and cost of living and of wholesale prices in several of the principal commercial and industrial countries for 1938 and for preceding dates to show the movements of prices in comparison with those in Canada. The information in the following tables is obtained for the most part from publications of the governmental or other authority constructing the index number, but in some cases from the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the League of Nations, Geneva, which publishes figures for many countries. The quarterly supplement to Prices and Price Indexes issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, also contains index numbers for many countries.

Great Britain and Northern Ireland

COST OF LIVING.—The Ministry of Labour's index number (Table X), based on the pre-war standard of living of a workingman's family, was 159 at the first of January, 1938, and 155 at the end of December, 1938. The lowest point for the year was that of April, which was 154 or 3.1 per cent below the year's high point. Within these limits monthly fluctuations were comparatively small. Between June, 1936, when this index was at 144 and December, 1937, when it was at 160 no decrease was shown for any month but during 1938 there were small variations in both directions. The index of food prices was 145 on January 1, 1938, and 138 on December 31, the low point being 137 in April. Food being given a weight of 60 per cent in the index of total expenditure, the fluctuations of this index were similar to those of the all items index.

WHOLESALE PRICES.—The index number of wholesale prices published by the Board of Trade (Table XI) stood at 98.3 for December, 1938, as compared with 107.7 at the first of the year, a decline of 8.7 per cent for the twelve month period. With the exception of two months in each of which there were increases less than one per cent, this index has shown decreases each month since July, 1937, when it was 111.5. The index of food prices was 105.0 at the beginning of the year and 91.8 for December, a decrease of 12.6 per cent. With four minor exceptions the decrease has been steady from month to month since October, 1937, when it was 105.3. The index for industrial materials and manufactures declined from 109.0 in January to 101.3 in May, recovering to 102.5 for November and again declined to 101.7 for December.

France

COST OF LIVING.—The latest available figures showing cost of living fluctuations in France are those compiled by the Central Statistical Office for the third quarter of 1938 (Table XII). The general index for that quarter was 689 as compared with 630 for the third quarter of 1937. During the same period the food index rose from 649 to 723. The index for heating and lighting materials was 674 for the third quarter of 1937, rose to 769 for the first quarter of 1938, declined to 765 for the second quarter, and rose to 781 for the third quarter. The index of rents rose from 375 to 420 during the last four quarters for which figures are available while the sundries index rose from 713 to 757 and clothing prices declined from 717 to 702.

WHOLESALE PRICES.—The general index of wholesale prices compiled by the General Statistical Office (Table XIII) rose from 605 in January, 1938, to 678 in November. As noted in previous issues of this supplement prices in terms of national currency have risen considerably since France left the gold basis in 1936. During 1938, the index in terms of gold on the base 1914=100 (not shown in this table) declined from 61 in January to 53 in November.

Germany

COST OF LIVING.—The index of the cost of living compiled by the Federal Statistical Office (Table XIV) was 124.9 for January, 1938, rose to 126.8 in July, declined to 124.9 in October and was 125.0 for November. The index for food which was 121.2 at the first of the year also reached its high point, 124.3, in July and declined to 120.7 in October. Indexes for heat and lighting materials, rent and sundries fluctuated within narrow margins showing practically no change over the eleven months. Unlike the other sub-groups making up the general index clothing prices have shown a small but steady increase for some years rising from 128.3 to 131.7 during 1938.

WHOLESALE PRICES.—The index number of wholesale prices published by the Federal Statistical Office (Table XV) was 105.6 for January, 1938, and 106.3 for December which was the high point for the year; the low point was 105.4 in May. The index of agricultural prices was 105.0 at the first of the year and 107.2 for December, the increase being due to increases in the price of cattle for slaughtering and in animal foods. The index of raw materials and semi-manufactured goods was 94.4 for January and 94.2 for November, all

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TABLE VIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES AND COST OF LIVING IN CANADA AND CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES (Base figure 100 except where noted)

Country	Canada		United States		Belgium	France	Germany	Great Britain	Nether-lands	Poland	India	Japan	Australia	New Zealand
	20 foods 69 cities	Cost of Living, Depart- ment of Labour	Cost of Living, Bureau of Labour Statis- tics	Cost of Living, Nation- al Indus- trial Confer- ence Board	Cost of Living	Foods, Paris	Cost of Living, Paris	Foods	Cost of Living	Cost of Living, Warsaw	Cost of Living, Bomb- bay	Cost of Living, Tokyo	Foods, grocer- ies and housing, 30 towns	Cost of Living
Base Period	(d)	1913	1913	1923	1921	1930	1914	1913-1914	July 1914	1911-1913	July 1933 -June 1934	July 1914	1923- 1927 = 1000	1926- 1930 = 1000
1913.....	\$ 7.34	100	100	61.3	.....	.....	(a) 100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	628
1914-July.....	7.42 (i)	103	(a) 102.7	61.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	(a) 676
1915-July.....	7.74 (i)	107	(a) 104.7	61.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	122	.....	.....	.....	.....	(a) 724
1916-July.....	8.46 (i)	124	(a) 116.6	65.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	148	.....	.....	.....	.....	(a) 785
1917-July.....	11.02 (i)	143	(a) 138.3	77.6	.....	.....	.....	.....	204	(f) 141.8	.....	.....	.....	(a) 850
1918-July.....	13.00 (e)	152	(a) 166.9	90.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	209	(f) 183.9	.....	.....	.....	(a) 912
1919-July.....	13.77 (e)	166	(e) 171.1	102.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	203	(e) 191.8	.....	.....	.....	(a) 1019
1920-July.....	16.84 (e)	200	(e) 211.3	122.6	.....	.....	.....	.....	258	(e) 218.8	.....	.....	.....	(a) 1034
1921-July.....	10.96 (e)	165	(a) 174.9	101.3	.....	.....	(g) 353	.....	220	(e) 207.8	.....	.....	.....	(a) 977
1922-July.....	10.27 (e)	156	(a) 169.0	97.2	(a) 100	.....	(g) 295	.....	180	(e) 186.8	.....	.....	.....	(a) 952
1923-July.....	11.07 (e)	157	(e) 178.7	103.4	.....	.....	(g) 289	.....	161	(e) 170.7	.....	.....	.....	(a) 1010
1924-July.....	10.92	155	(e) 178.7	101.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	159	(e) 167.4	.....	.....	.....	(a) 1001
1925-July.....	10.80	155	(e) 172.8	100.3	.....	.....	(g) 507	.....	157	(e) 170.4	.....	.....	.....	(a) 1006
1926-July.....	10.98	156	(e) 172.7	100.3	.....	.....	(g) 555	.....	149	(e) 169.0	.....	.....	.....	(a) 1003
1927-July.....	10.91	156	(e) 170.3	95.8	.....	.....	(a) 100.0	.....	141	(e) 162.1	.....	.....	.....	(a) 980
1928-July.....	8.11	137	(e) 163.9	86.5	.....	.....	(a) 88.8	.....	130	(e) 153.5	.....	.....	.....	(a) 827
1929-July.....	6.78	125	(e) 138.9	77.5	.....	.....	(a) 82.9	.....	125	(e) 140.9	.....	.....	.....	(a) 796
1930-July.....	6.95	120	(e) 129.8	75.7	.....	.....	(a) 78.0	.....	118	(e) 137.4	.....	.....	.....	(a) 771
1931-July.....	7.43	122	(e) 136.6	79.3	.....	.....	(a) 78.0	.....	122	(e) 139.9	.....	.....	.....	(a) 762
1932-July.....	7.53	123	(e) 140.1	82.4	.....	.....	(a) 66.6	.....	126	(e) 135.8	.....	.....	.....	(a) 807
1933-July.....	7.37	126	(e) 143.0	85.2	.....	.....	(a) 73.6	.....	129	(e) 131.1	.....	.....	.....	(a) 824
1934-July.....	8.55	131	(e) 147.4	88.9	.....	.....	(a) 105.9	.....	140	(e) 138.7	.....	.....	.....	(a) 872
1935-July.....	8.55	131	(e) 147.4	88.9	.....	.....	(a) 105.9	.....	140	(e) 138.7	.....	.....	.....	(a) 872
1936-July.....	8.55	131	(e) 147.4	88.9	.....	.....	(a) 105.9	.....	140	(e) 138.7	.....	.....	.....	(a) 872
1937-January.....	8.08	132	.....	87.5	.....	.....	(a) 688	.....	145	(e) 139.1	.....	.....	.....	(a) 899
1938-February.....	8.59	132	.....	86.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	142	(e) 138.7	.....	.....	.....	.....
1939-March.....	8.69	132	.....	86.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	142	(e) 138.7	.....	.....	.....	.....
1940-April.....	8.69	132	.....	86.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	142	(e) 138.7	.....	.....	.....	.....
1941-May.....	8.69	132	.....	86.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	142	(e) 138.7	.....	.....	.....	.....
1942-June.....	8.56	132	.....	86.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	137	(e) 138.2	.....	.....	.....	.....
1943-July.....	8.57	132	.....	86.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	139	(e) 139.1	.....	.....	.....	.....
1944-August.....	8.57	132	.....	86.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	138	(e) 140.4	.....	.....	.....	.....
1945-September.....	8.57	132	.....	86.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	138	(e) 140.4	.....	.....	.....	.....
1946-October.....	8.57	132	.....	86.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	138	(e) 140.4	.....	.....	.....	.....
1947-November.....	8.57	132	.....	86.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	138	(e) 140.4	.....	.....	.....	.....
1948-December.....	8.57	132	.....	86.5	.....	.....	.....	.....	138	(e) 140.4	.....	.....	.....	.....

(a) Average for year. (b) First of month. (c) Middle of month. (d) Cost of weekly family food budget. (e) Figure for previous month. (f) Figure for following month.
 (g) Quarter beginning in specified month. (h) Highest category workmen's household. (i) December.

TABLE IX.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN CANADA AND CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES (Base figure 100 except where noted)

Country	Authority	Canada	United States	Belgium	France	Germany	Great Britain	Netherlands	Poland	Switzerland	South Africa	India	Japan	Australia	New Zealand
		Dominion Bureau of Statistics	Bureau of Labour Statistics	Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare	General Statistical Bureau	Federal Statistical Bureau	Board of Trade	Statistical Office	Central Statistical Office	Official (a)	Census and Statistics Office	Labour Office, Bombay	Bank of Japan	Commonwealth Statistician	Government Statistician
	Number of Commodities	567 (h)	81	784	94	126	45	48	233	78	188	43	56	92	180
	Base period	1926	1923	1926	1926	April, 1914	1913	1913	1928	July, 1914	1910=	July, 1914	1913	1911=	1909-1913=
1913	1913	64.0	(c)	69.8	69.8	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1914	1914	64.4	64.4	67.3	67.3	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1915	1915	70.3	70.3	69.3	69.3	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1916	1916	81.4	81.4	83.4	83.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1917	1917	118.6	118.6	123.0	123.0	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1918	1918	129.8	129.8	132.0	132.0	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1919	1919	164.1	164.1	165.8	165.8	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1920	1920	104.8	104.8	107.35	107.35	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1921	1921	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1922	1922	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1923	1923	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1924	1924	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1925	1925	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1926	1926	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1927	1927	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1928	1928	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1929	1929	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1930	1930	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1931	1931	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1932	1932	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1933	1933	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1934	1934	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1935	1935	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1936	1936	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1937	1937	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1938	1938	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1939	1939	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1940	1940	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1941	1941	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1942	1942	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1943	1943	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1944	1944	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1945	1945	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1946	1946	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1947	1947	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1948	1948	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1949	1949	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1950	1950	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1951	1951	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1952	1952	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1953	1953	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954	1954	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1955	1955	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1956	1956	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1957	1957	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1958	1958	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1959	1959	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1960	1960	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1961	1961	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1962	1962	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1963	1963	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1964	1964	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1965	1965	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1966	1966	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1967	1967	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1968	1968	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1969	1969	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1970	1970	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1971	1971	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1972	1972	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1973	1973	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1974	1974	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1975	1975	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1976	1976	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1977	1977	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1978	1978	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1979	1979	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1980	1980	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1981	1981	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1982	1982	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1983	1983	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1984	1984	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1985	1985	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1986	1986	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1987	1987	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1988	1988	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1989	1989	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1990	1990	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1991	1991	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1992	1992	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1993	1993	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1994	1994	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1995	1995	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1996	1996	98.7	98.7	99.4	99.4	100	100	100	100	100</					

TABLE X.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN GREAT BRITAIN

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

Base: July, 1914=100

	Food	Rent	Clothing	Fuel and light	Other	Cost of living
1916—July.....	161	100	160	135	120	145-150
1917—July.....	204	100	205	140-145	140	180
1918—July.....	210	102	320	175-180	180	200-205
1919—July.....	209	106	360	185-190	195	205-210
1920—July.....	258	115-120	425	230	220	232
1921—July.....	220	145	290	260	210	219
1922—July.....	180	153	240	190	195	184
1923—July.....	162	147	220	180-185	185	169
1924—July.....	162	147	225	185	180	170
1925—July.....	167	147	230	180	180	173
1926—July.....	161	150	220	195	180	170
1927—July.....	159	151	210-215	170	180	166
1928—July.....	157	151	220	165	180	165
1929—July.....	149	153	215-220	165-170	180	161
1930—July.....	141	153	210-215	170	175	155
1931—July.....	130	154	195	170	175	147
1932—July.....	125	154	185-190	165-170	170-175	143
1933—July.....	118	156	180-185	165-170	170-175	138
1934—July.....	122	156	185-190	165-170	170-175	141
1935—July.....	126	158	185-190	165-170	170	143
1936—July.....	129	159	190	170-175	170	146
1937—January.....	136	159	190-195	175-180	170	151
April.....	135	159	195-200	175-180	170-175	151
July.....	140	159	205	175	175	155
October.....	143	159	205-210	180	175	153
1938—January.....	145	159	210	180-185	175	159
February.....	142	159	210	180-185	175	157
March.....	140	159	210	180-185	175	156
April.....	137	159	210	180-185	175	154
May.....	139	160	210	180-185	175	156
June.....	138	160	210	175-180	175	155
July.....	146	160	210	185-190	175	159
August.....	141	160	210	185-190	175	156
September.....	140	160	210	180	175	156
October.....	139	160	205-210	180	175	155
November.....	140	161	205-210	180-185	175	156
December.....	139	161	205-210	180-185	175	156

TABLE XI.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN GREAT BRITAIN

BOARD OF TRADE

Base: 1930=100

	Cereals	Meat, Fish and Eggs	Other Food and Tobacco	Total Food and Tobacco	Coal	Iron and Steel	Non-ferrous Metals	Cotton	Wool	Other Textiles	Chemicals and Oils	Miscellaneous	Total Industrial Materials and Manufactures	Total all Articles
1930—January...	118.0	109.9	103.4	109.5	106.7	102.7	119.5	117.4	117.3	120.4	103.2	105.6	108.1	108.5
1931—January...	80.4	92.8	96.9	90.6	102.7	95.9	85.1	81.7	78.8	80.9	93.5	91.3	90.5	90.5
July.....	76.1	80.3	98.5	85.9	99.1	91.1	77.3	78.8	78.4	76.7	88.5	85.1	85.8	85.8
1932—January...	91.5	77.7	105.2	92.4	108.5	91.7	90.7	79.8	81.4	81.5	91.5	84.5	87.7	89.3
July.....	85.2	73.0	97.0	85.9	98.7	90.8	75.6	73.6	71.3	74.0	88.8	76.8	81.7	83.1
1933—January...	83.7	78.5	89.5	84.5	106.3	92.7	81.6	77.1	73.8	74.1	91.5	80.5	84.8	84.7
July.....	86.2	72.5	86.3	82.0	97.1	94.9	94.3	84.8	90.1	75.7	90.9	87.4	89.5	86.8
1934—January...	82.7	82.8	86.3	84.2	106.5	96.8	86.9	83.5	112.8	71.0	88.8	88.1	91.2	88.8
July.....	85.2	78.6	87.9	84.3	98.9	98.9	83.8	89.1	89.1	62.7	86.7	89.0	89.0	87.3
1935—January...	89.9	83.8	87.2	86.9	104.1	99.7	80.3	89.3	85.6	66.2	90.0	86.6	89.1	88.3
July.....	82.8	77.8	92.2	85.0	99.1	100.3	87.2	86.3	92.6	68.1	89.6	86.1	89.7	88.1
1936—January...	93.6	81.8	90.9	88.9	109.8	102.5	89.7	86.1	100.4	73.8	93.8	88.8	93.3	91.8
July.....	92.0	81.2	95.2	89.9	105.0	108.1	88.9	92.4	101.1	70.7	93.2	92.3	95.5	93.6
1937—January...	123.1	82.2	97.9	99.4	112.7	112.0	113.2	97.3	129.4	76.2	99.5	101.8	104.6	102.9
April.....	129.5	84.0	98.8	102.0	126.0	118.3	120.8	109.1	136.1	78.1	100.7	113.1	112.5	108.9
July.....	126.8	87.3	99.5	102.9	125.4	137.6	123.1	101.3	133.4	77.7	100.0	113.3	116.1	111.5
October.....	133.1	88.6	100.7	105.3	130.1	140.5	105.8	88.4	120.5	75.5	99.1	112.0	113.2	110.6
1938—January...	132.5	89.7	99.7	105.0	131.0	141.2	96.2	88.0	107.3	70.8	97.1	104.8	109.0	107.7
February.....	129.7	88.0	98.7	103.4	130.0	140.3	93.9	87.4	103.1	70.1	95.9	100.5	106.9	105.8
March.....	123.4	85.3	98.2	100.7	129.7	140.3	94.6	87.2	102.3	68.8	95.9	97.0	105.7	104.1
April.....	120.0	86.8	98.0	100.3	127.7	139.5	92.1	85.2	102.2	68.1	95.0	95.2	104.4	103.1
May.....	117.1	84.6	101.7	100.4	120.6	138.9	89.1	82.7	102.2	67.9	95.3	92.6	102.7	102.0
June.....	112.5	84.5	102.1	99.4	119.6	136.6	88.3	80.9	100.4	67.5	94.5	89.8	101.3	100.7
July.....	108.9	85.2	100.0	97.8	118.5	138.8	93.5	83.5	99.7	69.0	94.7	89.5	101.9	100.6
August.....	105.2	83.8	95.9	94.7	117.6	138.5	93.8	82.0	100.4	68.6	94.2	90.5	101.9	99.5
September.....	98.5	84.5	92.8	91.9	118.5	138.6	95.4	81.4	99.7	68.4	93.8	89.9	101.7	98.4
October.....	97.3	86.2	94.2	92.6	120.1	138.1	99.8	82.8	100.2	69.2	94.0	90.4	102.4	99.1
November.....	90.5	84.8	95.2	90.6	123.0	138.3	100.1	82.5	100.1	68.0	93.3	90.5	102.5	98.4
December.....	92.6	87.6	94.4	91.8	122.8	138.2	97.1	80.7	92.2	68.3	93.5	89.4	101.7	98.3

TABLE XII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN FRANCE (PARIS)

GENERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE

Base: 1914=100

	Food	Heat and Light	Rent	Clothing	Sundries	All
1919—1st half.....	260	164	100	296	228	238
1920—1st quarter.....	306	200	100	405	356	295
1921—1st ".....	350	319	100	398	510	338
1922—1st ".....	301	302	140	312	400	291
1923—1st ".....	332	308	200	356	400	324
1924—1st ".....	378	356	200	412	440	365
1925—1st ".....	403	370	200	440	440	386
3rd ".....	419	373	220	460	450	401
1926—1st ".....	473	447	220	524	495	451
3rd ".....	562	541	250	635	620	539
1927—1st ".....	554	570	250	565	600	524
3rd ".....	525	543	275	563	590	507
1928—1st ".....	521	547	275	581	590	507
3rd ".....	536	510	300	591	590	519
1929—1st ".....	578	535	300	594	600	547
3rd ".....	577	569	350	604	600	555
1930—1st ".....	579	633	350	626	625	565
3rd ".....	626	615	350	626	625	592
1931—1st ".....	641	633	350	554	610	590
3rd ".....	607	609	360	526	600	565
1932—1st ".....	561	620	360	499	600	534
3rd ".....	534	606	375	499	575	517
1933—1st ".....	542	617	375	499	590	523
3rd ".....	530	600	375	504	590	516
1934—1st ".....	548	614	375	504	580	526
3rd ".....	525	573	375	504	580	511
1935—1st ".....	494	592	400	490	580	494
3rd ".....	466	533	363	490	575	469
1936—1st ".....	495	548	363	483	575	486
3rd ".....	525	547	363	483	575	504
1937—1st ".....	604	590	375	644	600	581
3rd ".....	649	674	375	720	673	630
1938—1st ".....	727	769	409	702	737	688
2nd ".....	732	765	409	702	756	692
3rd ".....	723	781	420	702	757	689

TABLE XIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN FRANCE

GENERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE

Base: July, 1914=100

	Vegetable Foods	Animal Foods	Sugar, Coffee, Cocoa	All Foods	Minerals and Metals	Textiles	Miscellaneous	All Industrial Materials	National Products	Imported Products	General Index
1924—January.....	399	437	550	441	525	693	500	560	.....	.....	505
1925—January.....	484	435	437	455	536	717	552	587	.....	.....	525
1926—January.....	538	511	562	531	698	887	695	748	.....	.....	647
July.....	788	552	861	703	1025	1147	863	985	733	1074	854
1927—January.....	624	544	705	605	683	628	668	662	640	624	635
July.....	617	529	637	585	639	757	652	677	611	674	633
1928—January.....	568	513	627	556	591	733	693	676	593	669	620
July.....	616	524	721	597	584	766	671	673	622	665	637
1929—January.....	616	580	605	599	610	775	671	663	.....	.....	644
July.....	585	603	604	596	622	690	649	653	639	603	626
1930—January.....	440	604	539	526	595	558	671	619	606	521	576
July.....	501	598	504	542	519	471	630	556	598	461	549
1931—January.....	503	602	437	533	417	338	565	462	567	347	494
July.....	480	562	486	516	398	317	503	423	532	364	466
1932—January.....	488	466	459	474	362	258	426	362	477	300	414
July.....	451	488	483	472	325	246	419	346	468	290	404
1933—January.....	363	496	443	432	331	255	428	354	446	231	390
July.....	396	418	469	418	378	281	440	379	431	335	397
1934—January.....	361	440	466	413	356	273	429	366	434	305	388
July.....	358	380	466	386	347	252	389	340	400	291	361
1935—January.....	314	360	420	353	346	271	391	348	381	292	340
July.....	267	344	386	320	349	278	388	347	352	302	334
1936—January.....	338	395	383	370	340	300	400	359	396	306	364
July.....	412	432	411	420	365	277	410	361	434	306	388
1937—January.....	563	492	529	528	557	421	514	501	540	464	513
July.....	564	528	595	554	713	524	582	603	584	572	580
1938—January.....	645	602	604	620	677	502	623	605	653	537	612
February.....	637	623	598	625	684	499	620	605	656	538	614
March.....	653	591	592	617	712	524	627	623	657	552	619
April.....	686	572	593	623	686	523	632	617	662	543	619
May.....	739	583	609	652	700	549	650	636	685	569	643
June.....	788	553	608	659	745	548	649	648	688	591	653
July.....	692	593	615	638	781	566	665	665	673	613	652
August.....	632	621	630	628	753	570	655	650	667	603	644
September.....	640	606	649	628	773	570	648	663	664	615	646
October.....	623	650	624	635	801	582	648	672	670	626	654
November.....	595	662	653	634	805	575	662	678	678	620	657
December.....	619	668	667	648	795	598	664	682	692	620	666

TABLE XIV.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN GERMANY
FEDERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE
Base: 1913-1914=100

	Food	Heat and Light	Rent	Clothing	Sundries	All
1925—July.....	155.0	129.4	81.8	173.9	168.6	145.3
1926—January.....	144.5	132.5	91.1	171.3	172.3	141.5
1927—January.....	151.8	134.6	104.9	156.9	163.9	145.2
1928—January.....	153.1	135.8	125.5	166.7	168.4	151.1
July.....	154.1	134.8	125.7	170.6	170.3	152.2
1929—January.....	154.8	140.9	125.9	172.7	172.2	153.5
July.....	156.3	139.5	126.0	172.4	172.6	154.2
1930—January.....	152.8	143.0	126.7	170.1	172.9	152.4
July.....	148.0	140.5	130.0	165.6	173.2	149.8
1931—January.....	136.9	140.5	131.8	147.3	166.4	141.1
July.....	133.1	136.9	131.6	136.2	163.5	137.2
1932—January.....	120.4	131.7	121.5	120.0	152.7	125.1
July.....	116.2	125.8	121.3	111.1	146.5	120.7
1933—January.....	111.3	128.0	121.4	106.9	142.5	117.2
July.....	113.5	125.1	121.3	106.1	141.5	118.0
1934—January.....	117.6	127.8	121.3	108.5	139.9	120.4
July.....	120.0	125.1	121.3	110.2	140.0	121.8
1935—January.....	119.4	127.6	121.2	116.8	140.4	122.4
July.....	122.9	124.6	121.2	117.8	140.6	124.3
1936—January.....	122.3	127.1	121.3	118.5	141.1	124.3
July.....	124.0	124.5	121.3	119.9	141.4	125.3
1937—January.....	121.4	126.6	121.3	124.2	141.8	124.5
July.....	124.5	123.7	121.3	125.5	142.5	126.2
1938—January.....	121.2	125.9	121.3	128.3	142.6	124.9
February.....	121.5	125.9	121.3	128.6	142.7	125.2
March.....	122.2	125.8	121.3	128.9	142.7	125.5
April.....	122.3	125.5	121.2	129.4	142.5	125.6
May.....	122.8	124.1	121.2	129.9	142.5	125.9
June.....	123.0	123.1	121.2	130.9	142.6	126.0
July.....	124.3	123.2	121.2	131.4	142.0	126.8
August.....	123.9	126.6	121.2	131.4	142.0	126.5
September.....	121.3	124.5	121.2	131.4	142.0	125.2
October.....	120.7	125.1	121.2	131.6	142.0	124.9
November.....	120.8	125.5	121.2	131.7	142.2	125.0
December.....	121.3	125.6	121.2	131.9	142.1	125.3

TABLE XV.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN GERMANY
FEDERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE
Base: 1913=100

	Agricultural Products	Provisions	Industrial Raw Materials and Semi-Manufactured Goods	Manufactured Goods	General Index
1924—January.....	116.3	126.1	150.5	162.2	140.6
1925—January.....	136.7	145.1	145.1	150.7	143.5
1926—January.....	122.3	132.7	134.4	158.0	135.8
1927—January.....	140.3	129.3	128.8	141.6	135.9
1928—January.....	132.2	130.0	134.4	156.1	138.7
1929—January.....	131.7	123.9	134.0	158.8	138.9
July.....	132.4	128.2	131.3	157.3	137.8
1930—January.....	121.8	114.9	128.3	156.0	132.3
July.....	114.8	113.5	119.4	150.5	125.1
1931—January.....	106.7	101.7	107.5	141.5	115.2
July.....	105.4	96.9	103.1	136.3	111.7
1932—January.....	92.1	90.4	92.2	125.2	100.0
July.....	92.5	84.0	86.6	116.9	95.9
1933—January.....	80.9	80.9	87.3	113.0	91.0
July.....	86.6	77.3	89.9	113.0	93.9
1934—January.....	92.9	73.0	89.9	114.1	96.3
July.....	97.5	76.2	91.9	115.0	98.9
1935—January.....	100.3	81.0	91.8	119.3	101.1
July.....	103.1	84.7	91.0	119.2	101.8
1936—January.....	105.2	84.4	93.4	119.7	103.6
July.....	106.1	84.7	93.2	121.2	104.2
1937—January.....	103.2	92.9	96.8	123.2	105.3
July.....	105.7	97.6	96.4	124.6	106.4
1938—January.....	105.0	90.1	94.4	125.9	105.6
February.....	105.3	89.6	94.4	126.0	105.7
March.....	105.6	89.8	94.4	126.0	105.8
April.....	105.7	89.9	93.9	126.0	105.6
May.....	105.8	89.6	93.4	125.9	105.4
June.....	106.0	89.9	93.7	125.9	105.6
July.....	106.0	89.8	93.8	125.9	105.6
August.....	106.6	89.7	94.0	125.8	105.9
September.....	105.6	90.8	94.0	125.6	105.6
October.....	105.7	91.9	94.2	125.6	105.7
November.....	106.8	94.8	94.2	125.5	106.1
December.....	107.2	95.0	94.3	125.6	106.3

TABLE XVI.—INDEX NUMBERS OF RETAIL PRICES IN SOUTH AFRICA

CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICE

Base: Average of nine towns, 1910=1000

	Food only	Food, fuel, light and rent	Sundries, clothing, boots	Food, fuel, light, rent, and sundries
1923—March.....	1340	1304	1673	.....
September.....	1318	1290	1697	1426
1924—March.....	1405	1353	1689	1465
September.....	1346	1323	1667	1438
1925—March.....	1390	1346	1666	1452
September.....	1359	1330	1658	1439
1926—March.....	1353	1328	1638	1432
September.....	1346	1321	1615	1419
1927—March.....	1351	1344	1593	1427
September.....	1345	1339	1602	1426
1928—March.....	1356	1345	1635	1441
September.....	1318	1323	1628	1425
1929—March.....	1339	1345	1618	1436
September.....	1307	1327	1621	1425
1930—March.....	1278	1310	1602	1408
September.....	1233	1281	1566	1376
1931—March.....	1229	1278	1510	1355
September.....	1173	1254	1479	1329
1932—March.....	1140	1235	1437	1303
September.....	1064	1190	1424	1268
1933—March.....	1091	1160	1387	1236
September.....	1133	1180	1394	1251
1934—March.....	1191	1198	1406	1268
September.....	1180	1191	1409	1263
1935—March.....	1151	1103	1413	1254
September.....	1151	1174	1412	1254
1936—March.....	1164	1132	1414	1273
September.....	1145	1122	1421	1269
1937—March.....	1196	1141	1444	1290
June.....	1181	1209	1469	1295
September.....	1161	1208	1485	1301
December.....	1236	1251	1522	1349
1938—March.....	1249	1258	1519	1345
June.....	1254	1262	1522	1349
September.....	1212	1244	1521	1337

TABLE XVII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN SOUTH AFRICA

CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICE

Base: 1910=1000

	Metals	Jute, Leather, Hides, etc.	Grains, Meals, etc.	Dairy Pro- ducts	Grocer- ies	Meat	Build- ing ma- terials	Chem- icals	Fuel and Light	Soft Goods	Miscel- laneous	All Groups
1914.....	1221	1366	1108	1060	954	1256	1087	1018	928	1113	1052	1090
1915.....	1696	1511	1199	1135	1035	1301	1195	1278	990	1362	1275	1204
1916.....	2292	1739	1342	1168	1127	1383	1401	1561	1148	1765	1669	1379
1917.....	3245	2054	1449	1222	1212	1520	1753	1872	1349	2297	2178	1583
1918.....	3898	2265	1471	1283	1272	1650	2074	1833	1470	2900	2572	1723
1919.....	3198	2332	1706	1600	1403	1723	2084	1424	1510	3255	2475	1854
1920.....	3339	2705	2693	2023	1901	2116	2445	1271	1658	4418	3174	2512
1921.....	2607	1649	1472	1589	1728	1638	2082	1261	1743	3324	2899	1805
1922.....	1651	1411	1262	1209	1322	1362	1630	1178	1454	2361	2029	1445
1923.....	1568	1493	1330	1310	1317	1322	1477	1082	1247	2285	1732	1424
1924.....	1517	1568	1403	1366	1386	1365	1380	984	1244	2196	1720	1448
1925.....	1402	1947	1395	1304	1364	1394	1299	936	1229	2169	1698	1436
1926.....	1338	1811	1394	1196	1291	1232	1280	939	1255	2052	1684	1387
1927.....	1264	1731	1476	1330	1285	1268	1282	992	1196	1869	1674	1397
1928.....	1149	1888	1381	1399	1258	1284	1255	914	1140	1869	1653	1354
1929.....	1122	1624	1312	1327	1235	1261	1234	823	1075	1858	1659	1305
1930.....	1135	1357	1023	1086	1149	1089	1233	801	1032	1783	1642	1155
1931.....	1060	1140	1099	1047	1038	1014	1171	777	1054	1548	1599	1119
1932.....	962	953	1009	893	1024	906	1085	726	1003	1378	1511	1032
1933.....	1041	1002	1012	974	1053	960	1107	745	953	1354	1560	1047
1934.....	1056	1013	1218	1087	1021	1221	1126	738	902	1398	1517	1143
1935.....	1052	1042	1023	898	1001	1158	1132	729	932	1392	1519	1066
1936—January.....	1074	1046	1209	878	984	1156	1124	720	937	1358	1509	1120
April.....	1076	1068	1242	887	984	1113	1107	719	935	1332	1505	1122
July.....	1075	1052	1118	991	975	1124	1109	720	931	1324	1502	1085
October.....	1099	1027	1184	985	975	1154	1122	716	931	1333	1498	1111
1937—January.....	1139	1065	1221	845	994	1203	1147	732	900	1348	1513	1131
April.....	1369	1181	1088	896	1010	1129	1204	842	902	1402	1538	1109
July.....	1465	1185	1114	999	1014	1185	1213	867	919	1462	1555	1141
October.....	1468	1150	1137	1038	1012	1307	1210	867	924	1452	1598	1163
1938—January.....	1442	1073	1247	1054	998	1435	1209	875	922	1426	1592	1207
April.....	1407	1031	1228	1015	984	1263	1201	865	920	1410	1565	1172
July.....	1368	1001	1219	1013	975	1238	1191	847	922	1395	1576	1160

TABLE XVIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURES IN AUSTRALIA (30 TOWNS)

COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN

Base: Weighted average of 6 capital cities, 1923-1927=1000

	Food and Groceries	Housing (4 and 5 rooms)	Food, Groceries and Housing Combined	Clothing	Miscellaneous	Total Household Expenditure
1926.....	1027	992	1015	993	990	1006
1927.....	1004	998	1002	982	1000	997
1928.....	989	1032	1004	1002	1001	1003
1929.....	1047	1037	1044	999	998	1026
1930—1st quarter.....	985	1052	1009	982	996	1001
3rd ".....	941	1003	963	951	990	965
1931—1st ".....	864	928	887	886	973	901
3rd ".....	807	864	827	851	961	855
1932—1st ".....	823	811	819	826	955	844
3rd ".....	796	795	796	810	948	825
1933—1st ".....	741	790	757	799	944	799
3rd ".....	763	787	771	795	944	806
1934—1st ".....	770	790	777	797	940	809
3rd ".....	787	802	792	793	938	817
1935—1st ".....	798	818	805	785	945	824
3rd ".....	819	832	824	793	939	836
1936—1st ".....	812	852	826	795	936	838
3rd ".....	835	873	848	794	958	841
1937—1st ".....	849	885	861	798	955	862
2nd ".....	.....	.....	863	.....	.....	867
3rd ".....	.....	.....	872	.....	.....	874
4th ".....	.....	.....	879	.....	.....	880
1938—1st ".....	.....	.....	869	.....	.....	871
2nd ".....	.....	.....	882	.....	.....	882
3rd ".....	.....	.....	896	.....	.....	891

TABLE XIX.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN AUSTRALIA

COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN

Base: 1911=1000

	Metals and Coal	Jute, Leather, Wool, etc.	Agricultural Produce, etc.	Dairy Produce	Groceries	Meat	Building Materials	Chemicals	All Groups
1921—January.....	2368	1581	2107	2506	2030	3094	3070	2506	2233
July.....	2142	1206	1688	1991	1942	1930	2604	2254	1813
1922—January.....	2031	1514	1298	1424	1941	1496	2148	2054	1673
July.....	1942	1693	1636	1882	1868	1921	1842	2041	1789
1923—January.....	1856	2071	1753	1617	1750	1985	2171	1923	1855
July.....	1825	2044	1808	2006	1752	3614	1950	1972	2052
1924—January.....	1823	2657	1733	1794	1707	2366	1981	1894	1984
July.....	1834	2308	1629	1721	1731	2077	1825	1788	1855
1925—January.....	1848	2303	1700	1450	1751	2258	1666	1784	1863
July.....	1831	1900	1755	1689	1721	2419	1758	1759	1846
1926—January.....	1908	1743	1999	1693	1725	1879	1663	1784	1840
July.....	1917	1586	1988	1822	1739	2023	1705	1843	1843
1927—January.....	1994	1447	1898	1732	1714	1735	1659	1843	1760
July.....	1970	1637	1789	1931	1730	2233	1663	1872	1833
1928—January.....	1928	1836	1860	1721	1728	2211	1709	1904	1860
July.....	1914	1803	1728	1777	1707	1973	1746	1909	1795
1929—January.....	1889	1728	1786	1878	1682	1903	1741	1942	1793
July.....	1917	1505	1875	1875	1686	2183	1751	1942	1813
1930—January.....	1916	1353	1676	1725	1674	2192	1797	1942	1719
July.....	1837	1122	1569	1702	1677	2217	1887	1968	1644
1931—January.....	1890	974	1162	1424	1811	1689	1925	2059	1454
July.....	1823	1049	1095	1362	1782	1571	2112	2179	1428
1932—January.....	1757	1051	1206	1247	1783	1385	1984	2183	1414
July.....	1734	885	1252	1331	1760	1329	2049	2120	1397
1933—January.....	1733	1022	1107	1179	1688	1211	2083	2124	1344
July.....	1707	1200	1231	1196	1720	1647	2047	2113	1455
1934—January.....	1701	1383	1195	1076	1744	1532	2059	2078	1456
July.....	1634	1225	1340	1335	1728	1559	2019	2008	1483
1935—January.....	1638	1191	1315	1318	1728	1475	1988	1950	1459
July.....	1561	1261	1376	1327	1720	1504	1967	2009	1479
1936—January.....	1571	1285	1333	1305	1739	1536	1942	2017	1475
July.....	1556	1330	1433	1348	1731	1931	1957	2006	1552
1937—January.....	1701	1528	1658	1381	1746	1528	2138	1966	1644
July.....	1773	1460	1666	1470	1757	1790	2546	2015	1703
1938—January.....	1762	1097	1579	1515	1751	1663	2369	2049	1596
February.....	1754	1093	1602	1520	1743	1675	2344	2047	1600
March.....	1755	1079	1590	1522	1743	1755	2350	2059	1603
April.....	1751	1054	1639	1545	1754	1827	2359	2059	1624
May.....	1730	1037	1731	1570	1744	1818	2299	2059	1641
June.....	1728	1010	1753	1594	1745	2005	2256	2059	1661

TABLE XX.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING, NEW ZEALAND

CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICE

Base: 1926-1930=1000

	Food	Rent	Fuel and Light	Clothing	Miscellaneous	Total
1914—July.....	703	535	585	686	601	628
1926—Year.....	1026	962	1002	1060	1013	1010
1927—Year.....	983	1000	1005	1017	1033	1001
1928—Year.....	1004	1014	1011	995	1002	1006
1929—Year.....	1013	1019	992	980	986	1004
1930—Year.....	974	1007	991	947	986	981
1930—February.....	1000	1015	991	968	983	996
August.....	968	1008	994	944	990	980
1931—February.....	879	987	992	895	982	932
August.....	820	940	987	855	987	891
1932—February.....	810	904	975	844	987	875
August.....	761	816	954	800	965	821
1933—February.....	727	774	959	798	971	797
August.....	741	762	854	823	973	796
1934—February.....	763	759	846	828	970	804
August.....	774	756	837	831	973	807
1935—February.....	821	766	837	831	962	826
August.....	828	776	874	829	982	836
1936—February.....	830	789	874	823	976	839
August.....	878	812	898	843	995	870
1937—February.....	916	820	906	884	1036	900
August.....	956	830	929	929	1055	927
November.....	1002	836	940	938	1060	947
1938—February.....	985	842	941	941	1056	943
May.....	997	854	956	935	1052	951
August.....	985	866	975	935	1052	951

TABLE XXI.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN NEW ZEALAND

CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICE

Base: Average annual aggregate expenditure, four chief centres, 1909-1913=1000

	Food-stuffs, etc., of vegetable origin	Textile Manufactures	Wood and Wood Products	Animal Products	Metals and their Products	Non-metallic Minerals and their Products	Chemicals and Manures	All Groups Combined
1913.....	991	1020	1072	1088	932	1022	1030	1055
1914.....	1039	1047	1124	1224	917	1013	1067	1053
1915.....	1345	1089	1130	1462	888	1007	1210	1235
1916.....	1313	1315	1210	1532	1051	1121	1436	1328
1917.....	1394	1616	1333	1676	1293	1333	1681	1511
1918.....	1587	2453	1530	1713	1524	1538	2040	1778
1919.....	1675	2750	1732	1750	1448	1629	1961	1858
1920.....	1891	3359	2124	1894	1752	2034	2318	2181
1921.....	1803	2623	2359	1674	1672	2136	1915	2025
1922.....	1678	2343	2172	1287	1268	1852	1510	1736
1923.....	1648	2201	2183	1447	1129	1583	1408	1666
1924.....	1761	2179	2192	1490	1151	1506	1365	1634
1925—January.....	1749	2213	2204	1714	1187	1515	1361	1747
1926—January.....	1780	2135	2101	1480	1150	1475	1245	1677
1927—January.....	1775	2134	1989	1363	1071	1429	1202	1588
1928—January.....	1723	1974	1964	1407	999	1408	1177	1577
1929—January.....	1640	1969	1950	1484	939	1404	1154	1554
1930—January.....	1643	1917	2007	1435	980	1409	1159	1551
July.....	1608	1851	1995	1394	974	1385	1157	1519
1931—January.....	1632	1750	1974	1172	1000	1400	1157	1476
July.....	1441	1643	1866	1035	1045	1362	1085	1319
1932—January.....	1590	1610	1845	982	972	1390	1075	1335
July.....	1582	1562	1842	868	1021	1401	1069	1308
1933—January.....	1445	1542	1830	855	1003	1375	1037	1266
July.....	1507	1538	1873	961	1121	1384	1047	1287
1934—January.....	1555	1537	1873	985	1096	1362	1059	1336
July.....	1507	1633	1876	1049	1017	1377	1065	1336
1935—January.....	1539	1618	1887	1052	1031	1359	1062	1345
July.....	1611	1608	1934	1143	1056	1418	1059	1395
1936—January.....	1560	1608	1957	1271	1070	1395	1049	1405
July.....	1537	1606	1972	1237	1078	1400	1043	1395
1937—January.....	1566	1665	2061	1317	1133	1455	1044	1449
July.....	1668	1759	2165	1304	1209	1498	1051	1512
1938—January.....	1676	1770	2200	1371	1227	1499	1060	1533
February.....	1637	1759	2187	1397	1235	1504	1060	1528
March.....	1630	1765	2240	1356	1237	1503	1057	1522
April.....	1615	1764	2261	1356	1240	1499	1057	1519
May.....	1611	1745	2279	1330	1242	1512	1057	1514
June.....	1605	1727	2293	1367	1244	1503	1069	1517
July.....	1602	1715	2289	1325	1245	1509	1072	1508
August.....	1604	1705	2303	1346	1240	1517	1074	1513
September.....	1597	1702	2344	1310	1239	1520	1073	1506
October.....	1593	1704	2348	1347	1238	1516	1079	1512
November.....	1611	1702	2328	1359	1237	1519	1073	1518

TABLE XXII.—COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS IN INDIA (BOMBAY)

Base: July 1933 to June 1934=100

	Food	Fuel and Lighting	Clothing	House rent	Miscel- laneous	Cost of Living
1935—January.....	101	106	90	100	93	99
April.....	99	103	90	100	96	98
July.....	105	105	86	100	98	101
October.....	104	103	86	100	97	101
1936—January.....	108	102	85	100	98	103
April.....	105	96	85	100	96	100
July.....	107	98	84	100	96	101
October.....	107	101	83	100	96	102
1937—January.....	110	101	83	100	98	104
February.....	111	103	83	100	97	104
March.....	112	104	83	100	96	104
April.....	112	110	83	100	97	105
May.....	111	109	84	100	98	105
June.....	112	109	84	100	97	105
July.....	115	110	84	100	98	107
August.....	117	108	86	100	97	108
September.....	117	106	86	100	97	108
October.....	118	106	86	100	97	108
November.....	116	106	86	100	97	107
December.....	116	106	86	100	97	107
1938—January.....	116	107	86	100	97	107
February.....	116	106	86	100	97	107
March.....	115	106	86	100	96	107
April.....	115	106	86	100	96	107
May.....	111	105	86	100	96	105
June.....	112	104	85	100	96	104
July.....	115	106	85	100	96	106
August.....	113	106	85	100	96	106
September.....	112	104	85	100	96	105
October.....	114	105	85	100	96	105
November.....	114	106	85	100	96	106
December.....	112	103	85	100	95	104

TABLE XXIII.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN INDIA (BOMBAY)

LABOUR OFFICE, BOMBAY

Base: July, 1914=100

	Cereals	Pulses	Sugar	Other Food	Total Food	Oil Seeds	Raw Cotton	Cotton Manufactures	Other Textiles	Hides and Skins	Metals	Other Raw and Manufactured Articles	Total Non-Food	General Average
1920—July.....	151	145	452	181	216	171	144	318	174	164	283	194	220	221
1921—July.....	186	152	234	185	191	170	137	270	184	156	244	198	206	200
1922—July.....	170	134	220	228	188	151	196	255	192	142	177	189	192	190
1923—July.....	127	90	215	317	178	132	217	211	196	139	182	169	173	178
1924—July.....	143	98	211	260	174	150	265	232	187	150	166	166	189	184
1925—July.....	141	102	159	184	148	140	182	208	144	139	153	155	163	158
1926—July.....	146	128	144	148	143	140	144	180	130	147	150	148	152	149
1927—July.....	139	129	130	162	141	143	154	163	142	139	136	159	149	147
1928—July.....	130	124	129	196	143	131	169	172	123	146	137	140	149	147
1929—July.....	152	141	140	171	153	147	126	168	103	157	135	133	142	145
1930—July.....	117	115	125	144	124	102	75	154	95	143	126	131	123	124
1931—July.....	71	78	106	136	91	54	74	143	84	146	112	142	117	108
1932—July.....	85	90	116	162	106	73	75	109	95	132	108	132	105	106
1933—July.....	86	75	109	146	100	69	90	110	77	95	103	118	99	100
1934—July.....	78	72	102	141	94	64	86	100	77	95	109	117	96	95
1935—July.....	85	77	105	148	100	98	96	97	76	99	105	116	99	99
1936—July.....	81	72	108	121	92	100	98	95	73	95	107	110	100	97
1937—July.....	95	87	111	141	106	100	90	96	82	99	130	120	107	106
October.....	93	85	108	143	105	97	84	96	86	99	137	124	106	105
November.....	91	85	107	132	106	95	79	96	84	99	137	125	104	103
December.....	92	85	108	146	105	97	79	94	84	99	135	125	104	104
1938—January.....	94	87	109	147	107	96	76	95	84	99	131	127	103	104
February.....	86	85	110	145	102	96	77	95	83	99	132	127	103	103
March.....	81	81	114	145	100	95	74	95	83	99	129	127	102	100
April.....	83	81	114	145	100	95	67	94	83	99	129	128	101	101
May.....	80	79	124	152	102	94	64	94	83	99	128	125	99	100
June.....	81	82	125	154	103	85	61	95	83	99	129	124	99	100
July.....	80	76	127	149	101	85	65	95	79	99	133	124	100	100
August.....	77	81	127	149	100	87	62	95	79	99	131	124	99	100
September.....	78	85	131	158	104	93	62	95	78	99	134	124	99	101
October.....	78	86	127	156	103	93	62	95	79	99	130	121	98	100
November.....	77	83	120	151	100	93	64	93	79	99	130	121	98	99

TABLE XXIV.—INDEX NUMBERS OF COST OF LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES

BUREAU OF LABOUR STATISTICS

Base: 1913=100

	Food	Clothing	Rent	Fuel and light	House furnishing goods	Miscellaneous	All items
1914—December	105.0	101.0	100.0	101.0	104.0	103.0	102.7
1915—December	105.0	104.7	101.5	101.0	110.6	107.4	104.7
1916—December	126.0	120.0	102.3	108.4	127.8	113.3	116.6
1917—December	157.0	149.1	100.1	124.1	150.6	140.5	138.3
1918—December	187.3	213.4	105.3	146.0	205.0	163.3	166.9
1919—December	200.4	286.3	119.0	153.1	257.8	185.4	191.4
1920—December	183.3	271.1	142.5	192.0	278.3	205.8	195.6
1921—December	157.9	192.5	154.4	183.4	210.5	203.4	174.8
1922—June	151.5	180.3	154.6	177.2	195.5	198.4	169.0
December	153.2	178.4	156.0	189.0	201.8	197.3	170.3
1923—June	154.0	181.4	158.4	182.7	215.5	197.6	171.8
December	157.7	182.8	162.3	187.2	215.6	199.4	174.7
1924—June	152.1	180.6	164.9	180.8	208.4	199.1	172.3
December	157.7	177.5	165.6	184.3	207.7	199.8	174.3
1925—June	165.1	176.9	165.1	181.4	205.2	201.1	176.7
December	176.1	175.8	165.0	196.0	205.0	201.6	181.3
1926—June	172.6	174.2	163.5	185.2	200.9	201.5	178.7
December	171.3	172.7	162.8	191.4	198.6	202.1	178.3
1927—June	172.2	171.0	161.1	184.8	195.8	202.8	177.7
December	165.8	168.7	159.4	187.0	195.0	203.7	175.1
1928—June	162.4	168.4	157.2	181.6	191.0	203.6	172.9
December	168.6	167.4	155.5	185.3	189.8	205.0	173.3
1929—June	164.3	166.6	153.5	180.2	189.1	205.4	172.8
December	167.5	165.6	151.9	184.2	188.4	206.1	173.7
1930—June	160.4	164.3	149.8	178.1	186.1	206.8	170.3
December	145.9	158.1	146.7	182.2	178.4	206.3	163.6
1931—June	127.7	149.7	142.1	174.2	166.2	205.0	153.9
December	120.8	139.3	136.6	177.0	156.9	203.1	148.4
1932—June	107.2	131.9	127.8	165.0	143.4	200.2	138.9
December	102.6	124.7	118.3	166.9	137.5	197.1	133.5
1933—June	102.8	122.8	108.7	157.8	137.8	192.3	129.8
December	110.0	136.7	104.0	167.3	154.1	193.0	134.6
1934—June	116.1	139.8	102.1	162.9	157.2	192.7	136.5
November	119.1	139.7	102.0	165.4	158.3	192.9	137.8
1935—March	126.3	139.9	101.8	165.9	159.4	193.1	140.4
July	127.1	139.6	102.1	157.8	159.8	192.8	140.2
October	127.1	140.1	103.1	163.0	161.4	192.6	140.7
1936—January	129.4	140.5	103.3	164.1	161.4	192.6	141.7
April	125.8	141.0	103.7	163.5	162.0	192.5	140.6
July	133.1	140.7	104.5	159.9	162.3	192.2	143.0
September	133.7	141.1	105.2	162.0	163.8	192.4	143.6
December	131.4	142.9	106.5	162.7	165.9	193.0	143.6
1937—March	135.3	145.3	107.3	163.3	174.2	194.0	146.0
June	136.8	147.3	109.8	157.4	178.2	194.8	147.4
September	136.0	150.8	110.9	159.5	181.7	195.5	148.2
December	130.9	150.8	112.9	161.9	183.3	196.7	147.3
1938—March	124.5	148.7	113.0	163.1	179.0	196.5	144.6
June	127.0	147.7	113.4	158.4	177.3	196.9	145.2
September	124.7	146.6	113.3	160.8	174.8	196.6	144.2
December	124.5	146.2	113.3	163.1	174.6	196.5	144.2

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its sub-groups having moved within narrow limits. The index for manufactured goods was 125.9 for January and 125.5 for November.

Italy

COST OF LIVING.—The index of the Central Institute of Statistics, on the base June, 1928=100, was 99.1 for January, 1938, and 99.5 for November. The high point for the year was reached in May when the index was 99.7.

WHOLESALE PRICES.—The index compiled by the Central Institute of Statistics, on the base June, 1928=100, was 95.2 for January, 1938. After declining to 93.7 in February it showed an increase each month, with one exception, rising to 97.2 for November.

United States

COST OF LIVING.—The latest available index number of cost of living compiled by the

Bureau of Labour Statistics (Table XXIV) is that for September 15, 1938, at which time the index for all items was 144.2 as compared with 148.2 for the corresponding date in 1937, a decrease of 2.7 per cent during the year. The largest decrease during the year was in foods which declined 8.3 per cent; furniture declined 3.8 per cent and clothing 2.8 per cent. Rent increased 2.2 per cent, fuel and lighting materials 0.8 per cent and sundries 0.6 per cent.

WHOLESALE PRICES.—The latest available index numbers of wholesale prices published by the Bureau of Labour Statistics (Table XXV) are those for November, 1938, when the all commodity index stood at 77.5 as compared with 80.9 for January. Each of the groups making up this index showed decreases during the portion of the year for which figures are available.

TABLE XXV.—INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES IN THE UNITED STATES

BUREAU OF LABOUR STATISTICS

Base: 1926=100

	Farm products	Foods	Hides and leather products	Textile products	Fuel and light- ing	Metals and metal products	Build- ing mate- rials	Chem- icals and drugs	House fur- nishing goods	Miscel- laneous	All com- modi- ties
1913.....	71.5	64.2	68.1	57.3	61.3	90.8	56.7	80.2	56.3	93.1	69.8
1914.....	71.2	64.7	70.9	54.6	56.6	80.2	52.7	81.4	56.8	89.9	68.1
1915.....	71.5	65.4	75.5	54.1	51.8	86.3	53.5	112.0	56.0	86.9	69.5
1916.....	84.4	75.7	93.4	70.4	74.3	116.5	67.6	160.7	61.4	100.6	85.5
1917.....	129.0	104.5	123.8	98.7	105.4	150.6	88.2	165.0	74.2	122.1	117.5
1918.....	148.0	119.1	125.7	137.2	109.2	136.5	98.6	182.3	93.3	134.4	131.2
1919.....	157.6	129.5	174.1	135.3	104.3	130.9	115.6	157.0	105.9	139.1	138.6
1920.....	150.7	137.4	171.3	164.8	163.7	149.4	150.1	164.7	141.8	167.5	154.4
1921.....	88.4	90.6	109.2	94.5	96.8	117.5	97.4	115.0	113.0	109.2	97.6
1922.....	93.8	87.6	104.6	100.2	107.3	102.9	97.3	100.3	103.5	92.8	96.7
1923.....	98.6	92.7	104.2	111.3	97.3	109.3	108.7	101.1	108.9	99.7	100.6
1924.....	100.0	91.0	101.5	106.7	92.0	106.3	102.3	98.9	104.9	93.6	98.1
1925.....	109.8	100.2	105.3	108.3	96.5	103.2	101.7	101.8	103.1	109.0	103.5
1926.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1926-January.....	107.4	102.6	103.3	106.3	98.7	99.9	102.3	101.6	101.4	116.8	103.6
July.....	98.6	98.8	99.0	98.5	99.5	100.7	99.4	100.4	99.9	97.5	99.5
1927-January.....	96.5	96.9	101.0	94.3	97.7	98.8	97.5	97.6	97.9	90.3	96.6
July.....	97.6	93.9	111.7	94.3	84.2	97.7	93.7	95.3	98.0	89.3	94.1
1928-January.....	106.1	98.5	121.0	96.7	80.8	98.1	90.8	96.3	98.6	89.0	96.3
July.....	107.1	102.3	124.2	96.8	82.8	98.6	94.4	94.5	96.9	80.8	98.3
1929-January.....	105.9	98.8	113.6	96.4	82.5	103.6	96.6	95.9	96.6	80.5	97.2
July.....	107.6	102.8	109.2	92.8	82.0	105.0	96.7	93.4	97.2	81.3	98.0
1930-January.....	101.0	97.2	105.1	89.4	79.9	101.2	96.2	93.0	97.3	78.7	93.4
July.....	83.1	86.3	100.7	80.0	75.4	94.3	88.9	87.8	96.2	71.7	84.0
1931-January.....	73.1	80.7	88.7	71.3	73.3	86.9	83.8	84.5	88.3	72.2	78.2
July.....	64.9	74.0	89.4	66.5	62.9	84.3	78.1	78.9	85.7	69.7	72.0
1932-January.....	52.8	64.7	79.3	59.6	67.9	81.8	74.8	75.7	77.7	65.6	67.3
July.....	47.9	60.9	68.6	51.5	72.3	79.2	69.7	73.0	74.0	64.3	64.5
1933-January.....	42.6	55.8	68.9	51.9	66.0	78.2	70.1	71.6	72.9	61.2	61.0
July.....	60.1	65.5	86.3	68.0	65.3	80.6	79.5	73.2	74.8	64.0	68.9
1934-January.....	58.7	64.3	89.5	76.5	73.1	85.5	86.3	74.4	80.8	67.5	72.2
July.....	64.5	70.6	86.3	71.5	73.9	86.8	87.0	75.4	81.6	69.9	74.8
1935-January.....	77.6	79.9	86.2	70.3	72.9	85.8	84.9	79.3	81.2	70.7	78.8
April.....	80.4	84.5	86.3	69.2	72.8	85.9	84.6	81.0	80.7	68.7	80.1
July.....	77.1	82.1	89.3	70.2	74.7	86.4	85.2	78.7	80.4	67.7	79.4
October.....	78.2	85.0	93.6	72.9	73.4	86.5	86.1	81.1	80.6	67.5	80.5
1936-January.....	78.2	83.5	97.1	71.7	75.1	86.7	85.7	80.5	81.4	67.8	80.6
April.....	76.9	80.2	94.6	70.2	76.4	86.6	85.7	78.5	81.5	68.6	79.7
July.....	81.3	81.4	93.4	70.5	76.2	86.9	86.7	79.4	81.2	71.0	80.5
October.....	84.0	82.6	95.6	71.6	76.8	86.9	87.3	82.2	82.0	71.5	81.5
1937-January.....	91.3	87.1	101.7	77.5	76.6	90.9	91.3	87.7	86.5	76.2	85.9
February.....	91.4	87.0	102.7	77.5	76.8	91.7	93.3	87.8	87.9	77.3	86.3
March.....	94.1	87.5	104.2	78.3	76.2	96.0	95.9	87.5	88.4	79.5	87.8
April.....	92.2	85.5	106.3	79.5	76.8	96.5	96.7	86.9	89.0	81.1	88.0
May.....	89.8	84.2	106.7	78.7	77.2	95.8	97.2	84.5	89.3	80.5	87.4
June.....	88.5	84.7	106.4	78.2	77.5	95.9	96.9	86.3	89.5	79.4	87.2
July.....	89.3	86.2	106.7	78.3	78.1	96.1	96.7	83.9	89.7	79.0	87.9
August.....	86.4	86.7	108.1	77.1	78.4	97.0	96.3	82.2	91.1	77.3	87.5
September.....	85.9	88.0	107.6	75.3	78.7	97.1	96.2	81.4	91.1	77.0	87.4
October.....	80.4	85.5	106.7	73.5	78.5	96.4	95.4	81.2	91.0	76.2	85.4
November.....	75.7	83.1	101.4	71.2	78.2	96.8	93.7	80.2	90.4	75.4	83.3
December.....	72.8	79.8	97.7	70.1	78.4	96.3	92.5	79.5	89.7	75.0	81.7
1938-January.....	71.6	76.3	96.7	69.7	78.3	96.6	91.8	79.6	88.3	75.2	80.9
February.....	69.8	73.5	94.7	68.6	78.5	96.0	91.1	79.1	88.0	74.8	79.8
March.....	70.3	73.5	93.6	68.2	77.7	96.0	91.5	78.7	87.7	74.4	79.7
April.....	68.4	72.3	92.1	67.2	76.8	96.3	91.2	77.5	87.3	73.4	78.7
May.....	67.5	72.1	91.3	66.1	76.2	96.7	90.4	76.8	87.2	73.1	78.1
June.....	68.7	73.1	90.1	65.5	76.4	96.1	89.7	76.3	87.1	72.9	78.3
July.....	69.4	74.3	91.5	66.1	76.8	95.2	89.2	77.7	86.4	72.9	78.8
August.....	67.3	73.0	91.9	65.9	76.8	95.4	89.4	77.7	86.4	72.4	78.1
September.....	68.1	74.5	92.0	65.8	76.6	95.5	89.5	77.3	86.2	72.4	78.3
October.....	66.8	73.5	93.4	66.2	75.4	95.3	89.8	77.1	85.7	72.6	77.6
November.....	67.8	74.1	94.6	66.2	73.7	94.9	89.2	76.6	85.8	73.0	77.5

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